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IAN STEWART

Aussie rules: Australia's David Campese diving to score his side's first try in their 16-6 victory over the All Blacks in the Rugby World Cup semi-final in Dublin yesterday

How England dropped into the rugby final

Rob Andrew, England's stand-off half, reveals that failing to catch the ball was his greatest fear as he prepared for the kick that took England to victory over Scotland and into the World Cup final

THE pass which Richard Hill threw to me with only eight minutes of the Rugby World Cup semi-final remaining had already arrived . . . a thousand times before. For months and years, after almost every England training session, we have gone off on our own, set up camp in or around the imaginary opposition's 22-metre line, and rehearsed dropped-goal moves.

The technique has been worked upon and polished incessantly. It had to be: just such a contingency, we always knew, could one day win an important game, such as a World Cup semi-final.

We did not need to speak to know what each other felt had to be done from that scrum. There was just a look from Richard and he probably picked up a similar expression on my face. It had to be a dropped goal. And it had to go over, because it was the perfect position for such a score, and we were locked with Scotland at 6-6. If there is ever a sitter for a dropped goal, then that position provided it: a nice, clean scrum ball channelled back crisply and on to me, just to the left of the posts.

As the ball came flying towards me, I was concentrating on two things. The first was to catch it. That may sound absurd, but it is only by getting the simple things, the basics of the game, exactly right that you succeed. Once that had been achieved, I had to keep my head down as I struck the ball and I could not take too long making the kick, for the Scottish breakaway forwards would come flying at me. I struck the kick really well. I knew that the moment it left my boot.

It gave me a share of the world record for dropped goals, with Lescaboura of France and Botha of South Africa. I did not know that at the time and I still care very little about it now. It was just crucial for England that we scored then, for it was the first time we had been ahead and it offered us the chance to close the game down.

I thought we did that in a very ordered and clinical manner. We never gave Scotland a chance. In that sense, we were very pleased with the way we played the final minutes in Edinburgh.

On Saturday night, we really felt for the Scottish team. I hope that does not sound condescending, because it is certainly not meant to. I want to say that they handled their defeat very well. We know them well and spent the evening with them having dinner and then a few beers.

It was not a raucous night from our point of view, just a very, very good evening. The sense of achievement at having reached the World Cup final via Paris and Edinburgh would be hard to overestimate. We are right to feel satisfaction and, indeed, some pride at what we have done.

One thing which disappoints me and the other players on such an occasion is that our wives and girlfriends have to go off to have dinner on their own.

I really do feel it is time the rugby authorities ended this outdated practice of having just the players and officials eating together. At a time when we so wanted to share our inner thoughts and emotions with those closest to us, that pleasure was denied us. I regard it as an outdated custom and a mistake.

Australia in the final at Twickenham on Saturday will represent another massive test for us. But I believe it is a good thing for the game that there will be two new teams in the World Cup final from 1987.

And so, from all the excitement of Murrayfield, we are now tucked away in the peace of the Lincolnshire countryside. We left Edinburgh by train to come to a country hotel retreat to recharge our batteries for a couple of days.

Tomorrow, we return to London and our headquarters at Richmond to begin the long build-up to the match we always wanted to be part of, the World Cup Final.

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Major's initiative lags behind Brussels demands

EC presses Britain on top jobs for women

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government is facing tough new demands from Brussels over equality for women at work.

With Britain already embroiled in disputes over working hours and the environment, the EC is launching an ambitious programme to improve the lot of women in the workplace, and their prospects for top jobs. The measures must be implemented within four years.

The government has accepted the EC programme, and its formal launch in the UK will be headed on December 3 by Angela Rumbold, the Home Office minister with special responsibility for women. However, campaigners say the government will have considerable difficulty in meeting the EC's requirements, despite Opportunity 2000, a business-led initiative to improve the lot of women in the workforce, which is being launched today by Mr Major. The measures Mr Major will endorse lag far behind those planned by the EC.

Member state legislation, especially employment law, will be measured against EC standards, and workplace-based initiatives, on such issues as training, will have to be similarly measured. The proportion of women in key areas of public life will also be examined, including the number of women in the judiciary, the civil service and those being appointed to public bodies and other jobs.

Mr Major is expected to outline proposals in London this morning to improve the position of women in the civil service and to examine the number of women on short-lists for senior civil service jobs. A number of government bodies, including the Cabinet Office, the Inland Revenue and Customs and Excise will make public commitments on women as part of the launch, although none is setting specific targets on increasing the numbers they employ.

In about four weeks, the EC will launch its so-called third action programme, setting objectives on women with which member states will be required to comply. The programme is part of the EC's social action plan: the enactment of the social charter which is causing the government a number of difficulties, particularly over its provision on working hours.

Joanna Foster, of the Equal Opportunities Commission, who asked Mr Major publicly last week to take steps to improve the position of women, said: "Every organisation will have to set out what it is doing under the third action programme." She said women would be looking in particular at the commitment of the government. Women's campaigners remain sceptical about its attitude towards women after what they see as Mr Major's failure to appoint a women to a cabinet post.

While two-thirds of Mr Major's 75 staff are women, only two hold top posts. Elizabeth Symons, general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants, said: "The prime minister must put his own house in order."

Fifty thousand women join the civil service every year, but only a handful make it to the top. There are none among the 35 permanent secretaries who head government departments. Seven years into a programme launched by Mrs Thatcher to achieve equality of opportunity for women civil servants, Whitehall unions say women are overwhelmingly concentrated in lower grades.

Dame Jill Knight, vice chairman of the backbench 1922 Committee, said: "It seems to me that there should be a little less talk about quotas and a little more talk about quality."

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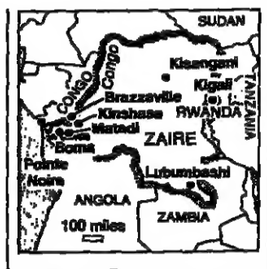

Refugees tell of mayhem in Zaire

From SAM KILEY IN LUSAKA

AS ZAIRE's President Mobutu Sese Seko accused the West of "wanting my head at any price" and continued to refuse a deal with opposition, refugees arriving in Zambia told of chaos and mayhem as Zaire falls apart.

Travellers from Zaire's economic heartland spoke of widespread looting and burning and said that the town of Lumumbashi had been practically obliterated. They said that the town had been brought to a halt after a week of rioting and a general strike that has paralysed the state-run Jecamines Mining Corporation, which produces up to 70 per cent of Zaire's foreign exchange.

Alan Small, an American consultant with the mining group, who escaped from riot-torn Lumumbashi on Saturday under escort by armed Belgian paratroopers, said last night that the city had been seven-eighths destroyed.

"There is nothing left," Mr Small said. "It has been very badly hit. The soldiers did not raid the banks, but very few shops and businesses have not been looted. Those that were left untouched managed to pay off the rioters. The vast majority have been gutted, looted, and burned."

Jecamines and the local brewery, the next biggest employer in the region, had not been looted, he said. There were no reports of deaths or injuries among the 1,200-1,500 expatriates escorted out by Belgian troops.

"Jecamines has a store from which it supplied 5000 tons of maize a month. It and others

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Directors signal economic recovery

By PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government and recession-hit businesses are expected to welcome the boost in confidence to be signalled tomorrow by the Confederation of British Industry (CBI) and reflected in the Institute of Directors' two-monthly survey this morning.

The survey of directors shows that most are more optimistic about the economy and the outlook for their companies, compared with fewer than half responding to a survey in August.

Ministers received indications before the weekend of the findings of the latest authoritative CBI quarterly industrial trends survey, which they believe confirm the claims made by John Major, and Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, that the economy is beginning to recover.

The results of the CBI survey for October, hover, are not an unequivocal endorsement of the view that the recession is ending. CBI insiders emphasised yesterday that the survey was still not giving a clear picture of the present state of British business, which was to be expected at a turning-point in the economy.

Hard indicators of firm movements in business are not yet showing signs of a real upturn. Though domestic orders have improved, tomorrow's survey is expected to show a negative balance, with more companies reporting falling orders than those registering increases.

Employment, however, is still expected to decline over the immediate period, according to the survey, though the CBI's report will continue to show that company spending on training is holding up, despite the recession.

Peter Morgan, director general of the Institute of Directors, said of its survey: "We are pleased by the level of optimism shown but we remain concerned that many of our members are still being hard hit by the effects of the recession."

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Hurd urges Maastricht caution

By PHILIP WEBSTER, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN is keen to get agreement on European economic and monetary union at the Maastricht summit in December — but not at any price, Douglas Hurd said.

The foreign secretary said: "We are not going to reach agreement on the final shape of Europe. That will probably be for our children. What we will decide in Maastricht is whether there is enough common ground for further worthwhile steps forward."

Mr Hurd was speaking as the Dutch government prepared to unveil its draft proposals for union which, as expected, will give Britain the option of avoiding a commitment to join a single currency in advance. Mr Hurd, however, made clear that Britain would not sign an accompanying "non-binding" declaration setting the eventual goal of full monetary union.

He said he thought there was enough common ground for further worthwhile steps forward. "It is in the interests of Britain that there will be agreement at Maastricht. That is what we are aiming at, even though we are not going to agree, obviously, on the final, ultimate shape."

As the obstacles to an accord appeared to mount up, with Norman Tebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, advising John Major against signing any treaty, Mr Hurd sought to reassure Britain's partners that it still believed a deal to be possible. Mr Hurd said that in the next six weeks "we will be working very hard to try to reach agreement and to try to bridge the gaps which remain".

Mr Major is attempting to strengthen the British hand in the run-up to the summit, and

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Eastern diplomats join pinstripe brigade

By MICHAEL BINYON DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

THE suave art of British diplomacy has its detractors, but not in Eastern Europe. Fifty-three young diplomats from former communist countries have just spent three days listening and learning at the Foreign Office as part of a three-month course for the emerging democracies from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

They have played war games amid the intractable scenarios of the Middle East, been briefed by Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, on the kind of diplomatic advice ministers prefer (brief, bright and at the proper time), and learned how to hone the punchy sound-bite for the television cameras that lie in wait outside every international conference.

All began their careers when diplomacy consisted mainly of purveying the party line abroad. Suddenly they have to cope with the irritants of democracy: squabbling politicians, prying public opinion, financial accountability and personal responsibility. After a raw dose of British politics, the course takes them on tours of such democratic bastions as the BBC, the Stock Exchange and Parliament and, when they have grown a suitable armour of pinstripe unflappability, takes them into the bloody arena of national self-interest: the European Commission in Brussels.

The course is run by Leeds University, which won the contract put out by Britain's Know-How Fund for Eastern Europe. It mixes lectures, seminars, role-playing and intensive English courses with trips to Scotland and the Yorkshire Dales and a few days stay in remote farm houses or with ordinary workers' families — a sink-or-swim test of English comprehension and communication skills if ever there was.

Many of the diplomats come from ministries in the throes of reorganisation. Andrei Zyrianov is second secretary at the new foreign ministry of Russia — which existed only as a protocol facade until the break-up of the Soviet Union, and is recruiting about 500 diplomats from scratch. Peter Lizak is a senior adviser with the Slovak republic, now asserting its independence from the Czechs.

Both admired the professionalism of British diplomacy. The "yes, minister" ability to serve any political master — and argue the line to the media — with the same degree of detached commitment was a goal that might take years to achieve in their own countries, they admitted. Russia and Czechoslovakia have very different diplomatic goals and traditions, but both countries could usefully import the impartial reporting skills of British diplomacy.

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Rehabilitated Heseltine looks a winner either way

Philip Webster profiles Michael Heseltine, who so nearly succeeded Margaret Thatcher and whose recent victories may have revived his dream

Heseltine: once more the Tory conference darling

A YEAR after forcing the Conservative leadership contest that deposed Margaret Thatcher, Michael Heseltine is again riding high.

Westminster abounds with talk that the environment secretary is to be given a pivotal role in the general election campaign, that he would be industry secretary in a strengthened department in the next Tory government, and that perhaps even more senior posts await him.

None of this is confirmed in high places. The rumours come from sources well removed from Mr Heseltine. Their currency, however, underlines the extent of his rehabilitation.

The Tory conference set the seal on that process. Here, after all, was the forum that adored Mrs Thatcher. There was talk earlier in the year that it would treat the man seen, however unfairly, as responsible for her downfall as a pariah. The tumultuous ovation accorded Mrs Thatcher did not augur well.

Mr Heseltine confounded expectations by winning back his old status as the conference darling by giving the audience a Labour-bashing onslaught that veered well beyond his portfolio.

That may have been the proof of his public recovery. In the privacy of the cabinet, where he has veteran status compared with most around him, he has been on the right side of the majority of big decisions this year.

His defeat by John Major last November shattered him, according to his friends. Mr Major became leader because most of her cabinet convinced Mrs Thatcher that, if she fought on, she would be beaten by her sworn enemy. Most Tory MPs agree that Mr Heseltine was only three hours from the prize he had devoted his life to winning. Had she not pulled out shortly before nominations closed, neither Mr Major nor Douglas Hurd would have stood.

Mr Heseltine softened his disappointment by throwing himself with verve into the job of government that he missed so much during his post-Westland years in the wilderness. He spearheaded abolition of the poll tax, winning the battle for a property-based alternative, and has secured legislation paving the way for restructuring local government. In classic Heseltine consultative style, a commission will travel the country deciding the structure best suiting particular areas. Mr Heseltine's preference is mainly for unitary authorities, and it it is certain that some of the more unpopular counties, such as Avon, will disappear.

Colleagues tried to suppress his more ambitious ideas for local government, including elected mayors, but some have made it into a green paper.

Mr Heseltine defeated British Rail, and its transport department sympathisers, over the choice of the eastern route for the Channel tunnel rail link and has won Mr Major's approval for a study of his plan for a "linear city" in the east Thames corridor.

Mr Heseltine approaches the election in a stronger position than many colleagues. He is free of responsibility for some of the admitted economic mistakes. He is adamant that the Tories will win because the economy will come right. If so, he will have played a big part and promotion will surely come.

If the Conservatives lose, Mr Heseltine's chance could come again. A beaten party might see him as the most formidable challenger it could field against Neil Kinnock. Few who know Mr Heseltine believe that he has given up all hope of reaching the top of the tree. The famous back-of-the-envelope career plan that ended with him in Downing Street has not been torn up.

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Tories' rights record attacked

By Tim Miles

AN INTERNATIONAL human rights group said yesterday that civil liberties had undergone a marked change for the worse under the Conservative government.

A 66-page report by the Helsinki Watch Fund for Free Expression accused the government of using the Offical Secrets Act and laws of confidence to "muzzle the press from covering defence, intelligence or military policy".

It said that since 1979, the government had increased police power over demonstrations, spawned "draconian anti-terrorism measures" in Northern Ireland and "sanitised" books and periodicals through "oncrous" libel laws.

The accusations brought a sharp response from Tory backbench MPs. Ivor Stanbrook, chairman of the party's Constitutional Committee, said: "I hope the government will dismiss it as yet another attempt to force their attention to issues which most people agree justify whatever restrictions are placed upon them."

Women's guide

The GMB general union, the second largest, issued advice to its 30,000 shop stewards yesterday to help to end sexual harassment at work. In a guide to equal opportunities, the union suggests a model agreement, to be negotiated with employers, which specifies that if punishment or job transfers are necessary they will be directed at the harasser, not the harassed.

Lockerbie book

A book dedicated to the 270 people who died in the Lockerbie air disaster has been published in the United States. Entitled *On Eagles' Wings*, it devotes a page to each of the victims or family groups, with photographs, biographical details, comments from relatives and friends and poetry. The book has been produced by the American relatives' group, Victims of Pan Am Flight 103.

CORRECTION

The picture published on October 25 said to be of Yossi Ben Aharon, director-general of the Israeli prime minister's office, was in fact a picture of Yitzhak Ben-Aharon, a former member of the Knesset and secretary-general of the Histadrut Federation of Labour from 1969-73.

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Big increase in seizures of drugs at airports

By Lin Jenkins

CUSTOMS officers have recorded a large increase in the amount of drugs seized at London's three airports, reflecting the increasing targetting of Europe by drug barons as the American market reaches saturation point.

Drugs worth about £35 million at street values were seized at Gatwick, Heathrow and Stansted airports in the six months to the end of September, compared with a haul of £43.5 million in the preceeding 12 months.

David Chesters, customs assistant collecter for the airports, said there had been a considerable increase in seizures of hard drugs such as heroin and cocaine, although the amounts of cannabis found were slightly reduced on the previous half year. Just over 60 per cent of all drugs seized in the United Kingdom were smuggled in from EC countries.

He added: "The trend appears to be of an increase in Class A drugs such as heroin and cocaine, and there is a real concern that with the single market a much higher criminal element will be involved."

Mr Chesters said that customs officers were concerned that political instability in the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia could open up new routes for smugglers. Agreement has been reached for Britain to train Polish drug enforcement officers, and a similar programme with Czechoslovakia is being negotiated.

The figures released yesterday also show a rise in the amount of pornography, particularly that involving children, being smuggled into thr United Kingdom, often from countries where the laws are less strict.

Consignments of tortoises, poison tree frogs and rare parrots have also been found coming into the country illegally, as have shoes and handbags made from skins of endangered species.

"We would urge holidaymakers not to buy things in markets and bazaars which they will not be allowed to bring in, because it diverts my resources from the real criminal element," Mr Chesters said.

TONY WHITE

Something old, something new: prospective brides trying on some of the new and once-worn designer wedding dresses being sold at half-price at the Sheraton Park Tower hotel, in Knightsbridge, London, on Saturday

Regiment merger dogs Tory campaign

By Kerry Gill

THE future of the Gordon Highlanders continued to dog the Conservatives' campaign in the Kincardine and Deeside by-election last night as the Scottish Office denied that there was a rift between Ian Lang, the Scottish secretary, and the defence ministry.

Reports that a cabinet split had emerged between Mr Lang, said to favour a reappraisal of the planned merger of the Gordons with the Queen's Own Highlanders, and Tom King, the defence secretary, were described as a media invention by one government source. However, the proposed merger has become as potentially damaging to the Tories' chance of winning the seat on November 7 as the health service issue.

The apparent difference of opinion between Mr Lang and Mr King emerged last week after the group campaigning against merger dropped its plan to field a candidate in the by-election. Douglas Robson, the group's secretary, said it had withdrawn after being given an assurance that the regiment's future would be reconsidered.

That led to a call from Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' defence spokesman, for either Mr Lang or Mr King to resign. Bill Walker, Tory MP for Tayside North, countered by saying that the Liberal Democrats' defence policy could provide no safeguard for any of the Scottish regiments faced with amalgamation.

Although the Liberal Democrats have been favourites to win Kincardine and Deeside, a Mori poll for *The Sunday Times* showed that all parties apart from Labour have slipped in popularity.

Labour plans refugee change

By David Young

GOVERNMENT proposals to be unveiled this week to tighten up the rules giving asylum to political refugees would be altered under a Labour government to include a system of judicial hearings and the right to appeal, Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, said yesterday.

He told BBC Radio Four's *The World This Weekend*: "What we have to do is to ensure that the genuine asylum seekers are allowed in and that bogus asylum seekers are kept out."

Mr Hattersley said Labour was as committed as the Tory party to keeping out people who made bogus applications. He promised that Labour would be "more compassionate" about families who wanted to be reunited in Britain, and dependent relatives who also wanted to settle in this country.

He said: "We want to be sure that genuine asylum seekers get into this country. They must be given a proper judicial hearing. They must have legal representation and the right of appeal against arbitrary decisions."

The new government legislation and a package of other measures to attempt to stem the flood of those seeking political asylum in Britain is due to be announced on Thursday. The handling of cases will be speeded up and steps taken to ensure that asylum requests, now running at 1,000 a week, are not used to circumvent immigration procedures.

Asylum seekers arriving from "safe countries" where they could have sought asylum first will be returned to those countries. Fines on airlines who carry passengers into Britain without valid documentation will be doubled to £2,000 per head.

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Officials deny study on cot death ignored

By Tim Miles

THE health department yesterday rejected claims that officials ignored research from New Zealand that could have prevented thousands of cot deaths in Britain.

The Foundation for the Study of Infant Deaths will this week urge parents to follow four rules that research has suggested reduce deaths. It says that babies should be left to sleep on their sides or backs; that they should be kept out of smokey rooms, that they should not be allowed to get too hot and that parents should contact a doctor as soon as a baby appears unwell.

The guidelines were suggested 18 months ago by researchers in New Zealand, where a government education campaign was set up.

The television presenter Anne Diamond, whose baby Sebastian was a cot-death victim, will on Thursday present a Thames TV documentary looking at the findings. She told *Woman's Own*: "These little children are dying every day and nobody is doing enough about it."

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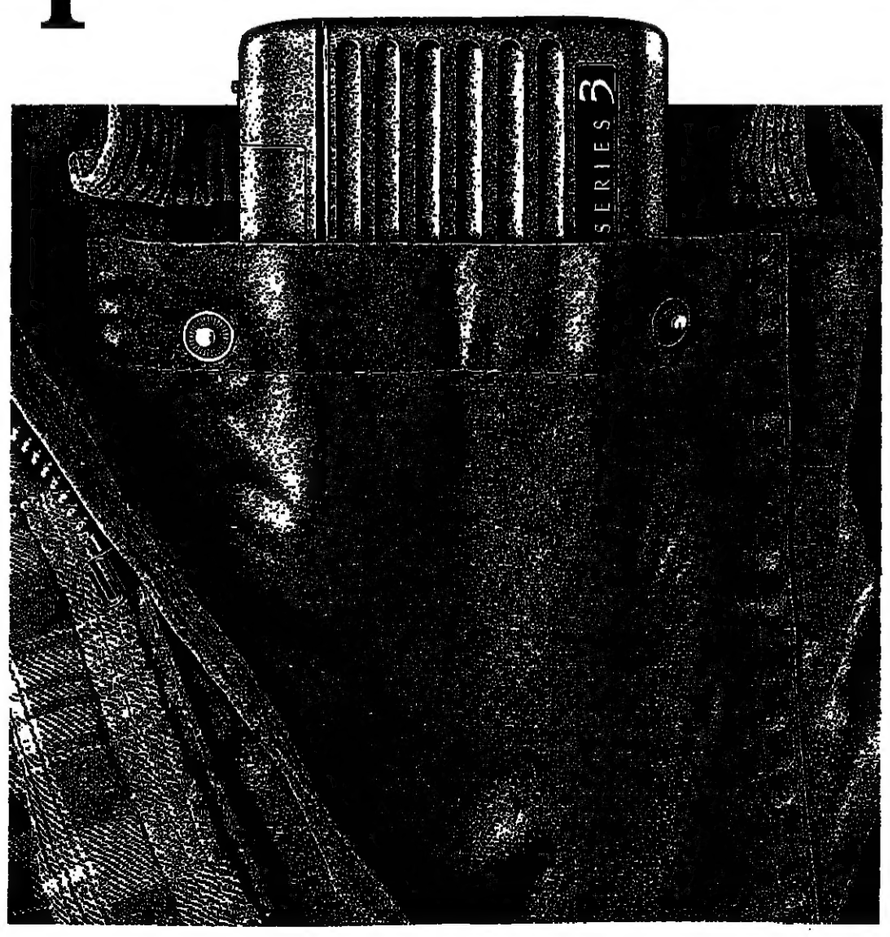

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Cruelty allegations against Quorn fuel foxhunting disputes

By MICHAEL MCCARTHY, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE controversy over hunting animals with hounds will intensify this week, fuelled by allegations of malpractice against the Quorn, which is Britain's most prestigious fox hunt and is regularly patronised by the Prince of Wales.

The allegations will form the basis of an all-party Commons motion against hunting to be tabled on Thursday by Ron Davies, the Labour MP for Caerphilly, and will increase the temperature of the hunting debate expected at the annual general meeting of the National Trust on Saturday. At that meeting seven anti-hunting campaigners are standing for election to the trust's council.

Both the Masters of Foxhounds Association and the Quorn committee are to hold enquiries into a video film shot in Leicestershire by an undercover member of the League Against Cruel Sports. The film purports to show the Quorn unfairly hunting a fox, in terms of the Masters of Foxhounds Association's rules, by letting hounds kill it after the animal had been pulled from its earth by a terrier man. Hunting sources said yesterday that the allegation was serious and, if substantiated, might cause resignations.

Later this week the league is sending a dossier to MPs, alleging that the Quorn incident is merely one example in a spreading pattern of malpractice and deliberate cruelty by hunts. The league attributes the alleged malpractices to the growing influence of the terrier men, who follow the field with their dogs and dig out the fox when it has gone to ground. The league will accuse ten hunts of such practices as "bagging" — keeping captured foxes in bags and releasing them in front of the hunt, sometimes with their sinews cut or otherwise maimed. The league says that its evidence includes statements from a former master and a former huntsman.

Mr Davies has drafted an anti-hunting motion based on the video film. The motion is likely to be co-sponsored by two Conservative MPs, Steven Norris and Dame Janet Fookes, and the Liberal Democrat Simon Hughes, which will give an indication of the strength of anti-hunting feeling in the House before an election that might let in a Labour government committed to allowing MPs a free vote on hunting.

On Saturday, there is likely to be a stormy debate at the National Trust annual meeting in London. At last year's meeting opponents of hunting won a resolution banning deer hunting on trust land and narrowly lost a vote on fox hunting. They are unhappy that the trust has shelved the deer hunting issue by setting up a study of it.

Brian Toon, spokesman for the association, said last night: "We have not seen the video yet but on the basis of what we have heard about it, it would appear that there is something that requires to be investigated." A special committe meeting would be convened, of the MFHA association committee, he said, which is chaired by Captain Ronnie Wallace, Master of the Exmoor Foxhounds.

Lord Crawshaw, the chairman of the Quorn, said last night: "We realise foxes have to be killed from time to time but we are totally opposed to any unnecessary cruelty. That is very much against the Quorn policy. Normally foxes are killed in the open, in natural conditions, or humanely destroyed if they go to ground. I have only heard about this and I have not seen the video, but the committee will have to consider the matter."

Barry Hercock, one of the Quorn's four joint masters, who was said to be in charge of the field on the day in question, said yesterday : "I was certainly there that day, but I am not prepared to comment until I have seen the video."

Science chases clue to animal swiftness

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

SCIENTISTS have been studying the undisputed long-distance running champion of the animal world, the American pronghorn antelope, to try to discover why its performance outclasses other mammals.

The pronghorn has been timed at an average speed of more than 40mph over seven miles. In shorter dashes it can reach 55mph, but its most remarkable ability is to maintain high speeds for long distances.

Scientists at Laramie, Wyoming, have persuaded a pronghorn to run uphill on a sloping treadmill while measuring its oxygen consumption. Long-distance running depends upon the rate at which oxygen can be supplied to the muscles. For short dashes, the energy output of mammals exceeds the rate at which it can be generated, so an oxygen debt is run up. Over longer distances, however, they cannot run faster than their metabolism allows.

The researchers found that pronghorns use oxygen more than three times as efficiently as other animals of their size. Their lungs are large, their blood has a high haemoglobin concentration, for transporting oxygen, and their hearts pump more strongly. Their muscles operate at a higher temperature, improving efficiency, and are particularly rich in energy-generating mitochondria.

Compared with goats, a mammal of a similar size, pronghorns can take up oxygen nearly five times as quickly. The scientists, writing in *Nature*, conclude that the pronghorn's ability derives from the development to an extreme degree of the functions shared by all mammals, rather than from any novelty in its anatomy.

But why the pronghorn and not other mammals? The chances are that in the open plains of North America the creature developed its remarkable abilities to escape from the wolf, a predator that pursues its prey rather than ambushing it, as the big cats do in the African bush. The pronghorn probably has a price to pay, in the form of a high metabolic rate that demands a lot of food.

When it comes to sprinting, however, not even the pronghorn can beat the cheetah, which can reach 60mph over distances of up to 500 yards. Thomson's gazelle can reach 50mph and the giraffe, the warthog and roe deer 30mph.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Braced for action: Alexander and Helen Jackson of Halifax preparing for a year as the Bisto Kids after being chosen to be the gravy maker's ambassadors at charity events. The brother and sister, aged nine and six, impressed the judges in London with their mischievous nature to beat ten rival children and win £1,000 each

National curriculum analysis

Primary pupils fail maths test

Few six and seven-year-olds can multiply five by five, but many believe that says more about the curriculum test than the children, writes **John O'Leary**

THE first analysis of this year's national curriculum tests for six and seven-year-olds brought calls yesterday for an enquiry into standards in mathematics.

Sampling by the National Foundation for Educational Research showed that only one child in 20 achieved the top level of assessment in mathematics, compared with the expected one in five. Results in English and science were close to the government's target.

Academics and teachers' organisations said the discrepancy suggested that standards might have been set too high in mathematics. The government's Assessment of Performance Unit registered an improvement earlier this year among pupils aged 11 in most aspects of mathematics.

The foundation found, however, that fewer than one in seven of those taking the first tests under the national curriculum could multiply five by five. A third could not count to 100, and did not know the meaning of a half or a quarter.

Although more than a quarter reached the top band of three when applying their mathematical knowledge to classroom experiments, results in the theoretical sections were poor. Only one in 50 made the top band for basic geometry.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said: "It is clear that we have a problem on our hands which affects maths to a greater degree than English and science. There must be an urgent enquiry into whether it is the tests themselves, or the quality of the teaching, or a combination of the two."

Mr Hart said that if the tests were vindicated, the training of primary teachers and their expectations of pupils would be called into question. Answers were needed before a fourth, and higher, level was introduced in next year's tests.

Ted Wragg, professor of education at Exeter University and a leading authority on primary education, said that it would take at least two years to establish the right level at which to pitch the tests. "We all think we wrote peerless prose from an early age, but we might find that today's children are actually learning more quickly," he said.

The National Union of Teachers also argued that the reults in mathematics showed up anomalies in the tests themselves. A union spokeswoman said: "We always said that the tests came too early for teachers to help to reduce the disparities that exist before the children come to school."

Ministers will receive a full analysis of all 600,000 pupils' tests next month. The foundation based its findings on a sample of 3,400.

An education department spokeswoman said yesterday: "The whole reason for having tests is to find out where children need help and then to direct it to them. This study underlines the need for testing. However, this is a very small sample from the point of view of the numbers of children who took the tests."

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Company cars ploy 'will fail'

By DAVID YOUNG

GOVERNMENT attempts to cut pollution and traffic congestion by tax changes aimed at reducing the number of company cars are likely to fail, according to a report prepared by City accountants.

Most staff offered extra money instead of a company car would simply buy their own and drive it to work, the report by Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte says.

A survey of 122 large London companies showed that 65 per cent planned to offer staff the choice of a car or the money equivalent. More than 76 per cent were considering changes that would affect directors' and senior executives' company cars. However, 75 per cent of employees said that they would buy a car and use it to get to work if they received a pay rise in lieu of a company car. More than a third said that they would buy more expensive models.

The survey says that many companies could save thousands of pounds a year by changing their company car scheme without employees suffering financial disadvantage. Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte has calculated that a driver of a BMW 5-series would be £3,000 a year better off after tax by running the car privately if the savings made by his employer were paid in extra salary.

David Staples, a partner in Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, said: "John Major's citizen's charter will need to create a marked improvement in the quality of bus, Tube and rail travel before company car drivers will be persuaded to switch over."

Mr Staples said that the survey was cold comfort for Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, who wants to tempt commuters off the roads and onto the railways.

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'Tsar's train' in sale of antique toys

By SARAH JANE CHECKLAND, ART MARKET CORRESPONDENT

ABOUT 600 toys from the insolvent company Mint & Boxed, including a train reputed to have belonged to Tsar Nicholas II, are to be sold at Sotheby's in January.

The tinplate, die-cast and other toys are being offered by order of the joint administrative receiver Arthur Andersen & Co. The train, a gauge III spirit-fired, live-steam locomotive made by the German company Marklin, is expected to fetch up to £25,000. Last spring, Mint & Boxed was asking $1 million for it, John Badeley, of Sotheby's, said.

According to the Mint & Boxed antique toys catalogue, the Russian royal family had so much baggage that they left the train with the manager of the Crillon hotel in Paris after a state visit in 1905. "We are not convinced of that provenance and are cataloguing it as reputedly belonging to the Tsar," Mr Badeley says.

A 1902 five-piece horse-drawn "fire set", including a fire chief's live-steam pumper, listed by Mint & Boxed at £338,000, is now estimated by Sotheby's at £40,000.

Jeffrey Levitt, aged 35, managing director of Mint & Boxed, won the Queen's award for export in April, having convinced the trade and industry department that he had raised turnover from £350,000 to £14 million in eight years of trading. Six weeks later, the company went into receivership.

Mr Levitt, who says he understands the firm is being investigated by the company fraud squad, said last week that he had plans to return, in the same line of business. "The receivers say they have made a complaint to the fraud squad, but I have not seen a single policeman," he said.

● An old master reputed to have changed hands to settle a gambling debt is estimated to make over £4 million at Sotheby's on December 11 (John Shaw writes). *The Fortress of Königstein*, by Bernardo Bellotto (1721-1780), is offered by executors of the late Countess Beauchamp, in a £10 million sale, details of which will be announced today. The first Earl Beauchamp acquired it from Lord Palmerston, the Victorian prime minister, perhaps helping his gambling son.

Taxi murder charge expected

DETECTIVES have made a breakthrough in the hunt for the sectarian killers of Catholic taxi-drivers in Belfast.

At least five men from Loyalist parts of the city are being questioned, and it is understood that one will be charged with murder within the next 72 hours, security sources said. Guns and ammunition, seized from around Belfast are also being checked.

Over 70 detectives are involved in the enquiry and it is believed that one of those detained has been interrogated about the murder of Michael Lenaghan, a father-of-four who was lured to his death by the Ulster Volunteer Force in March.

The men held are also being questioned about the attempted murder of another taxi-driver who was ambushed in the grounds of Belfast Castle in August. It is understood that there are likely to be more charges in connection with the weapons seizures.

Meanwhile, details were disclosed yesterday of the survival of the Catholic shot by gunmen who accused him of being an IRA spy. The 28-year old, from Dunlaoghaire, near Dublin, travelled by train to Belfast on Friday — apparently his first trip to the city.

According to security sources, he wandered into the Protestant Shankill district, visiting a number of pubs. At one, he was seized by four youths and later shot in the arm, the back of the head and through the mouth. He was found over 16 hours later lying covered in blood.

The outlawed Ulster Freedom Fighters claimed he was spying for the IRA but this was rejected by police.

The man was recovering yesterday in the Mater hospital, where his condition was said to be stable.

New world champion says thanks for the memory

O'Brien: established world record

THE first World Memory Champion, Dominic O'Brien, was crowned on Saturday after seeing off six other memory wizards at the Athenaeum Club in London (Nigel Hawkes writes).

Mr O'Brien established a new world record for memorising the order of a pack of cards. In two minutes and 29 seconds he rifled through the cards, memorised their order, and repeated it without mistake to invigilator Raymond Keene, chess correspondent of *The Times*.

However, it was child's play to O'Brien, aged 34, who is operations manager at Stansted airport, who has in the past successfully memorised the order of 35 packs of cards and recalled them with only two errors.

On Saturday, Mr O'Brien, who has already been banned from two casinos, because of his ability, scored well in most of the seven competitions, organised under the auspices of the Brain Club.

Given 15 minutes to memorise as many as possible of a random sequence of digits, Mr O'Brien recalled 266 without error. His closest challenger throughout the day was Jonathan Hancock, an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford. Third was Kenneth Wilshire, who works for the Chemical Bank of New York, ahead of Creighton Carvello, a 46-year-old nurse from Middlesborough who knows pi to 20,013 places.

Tony Buzan, the master of ceremonies, taught the audience a foolproof way of remembering the order of the nine planets, working outwards from the Sun.

Mr Buzan, Mr Keene and the third man behind the Memory Olympiad, David Levy, now hope to turn memory feats into a major new sport. After the success of Saturday's event, a second Memoriad seems certain, and the first Mind Sports Olympiad is promised for July 1993.

As a spectator sport, memory tests do have their longeurs — pauses of silence for 15 minutes while the contestants strive to memorise things, and then another ten while they see how many they have remembered. England vs Scotland at Murrayfield, it wasn't. But these are early days; once even snooker was a private game played for pleasure and look what became of that.

Police hunt for bodies in rubbish dumps

The hunt for the dismembered bodies of two women missing for a month will be stepped up today when police start searching rubbish dumps.

A man already in custody has said he dismembered the bodies of Joanne Rankin, aged 23, of Camberwell, and Barbara Hunt, aged 27, of Brixton, both south London, put them in bin liners and left them out for the rubbish collectors.

The man, aged 43, who is facing charges for other offences of violence, claims he enticed the women to his flat in Brixton and killed them as they slept.

Water meter plan queried

Severn Trent water authority wants to install pre-payment water meters in bad payers' homes, so that supplies will automatically be cut off if the meters are not fed with tokens.

However, the Office of Water Services said it was concerned about which homes the meters would be be installed in, and about the authority's plan to charge £200 for installing them.

Man stabbed

A man, aged 47, was being questioned last night after the death from stab wounds of Brent Leslie, aged 27, of Rosyth, Fife, at a house in Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex.

Poison dumped

Several tonnes of poison and pills, some dating from the first world war, have been handed in during a two-week "Dump It" campaign in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.

Eye in the sky

Satellites which monitored the movements of cruise missiles in the Gulf war are being given a trial by Lincolnshire police for spotting traffic and burglary offenders.

Vet honoured

James Herriot, the author and vet, aged 75, has been made honorary life president of Sunderland Football Club, which he says he has supported since he was two.

Lucky slip

A thief who stole a betting slip from football changing rooms in Torquay, Devon, collected £55 from the betting shop and vanished after the horse won, police said.

Bond winners

Winners in the weekly National Savings Premium Bonds prize draw are: £100,000, number 11VZ 230555, (value of holding £255, winner lives in Newport, Gwent); £50,000, 12PB 604919, (£68, Lancashire); £25,000, 1JK 051177 (£50, London).

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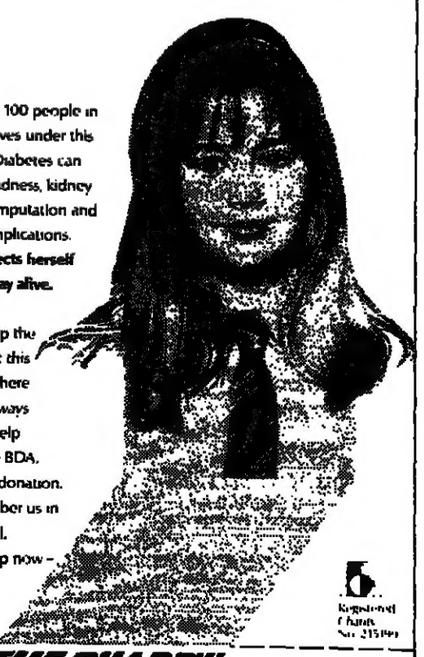

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World airlines 'are bleeding to death' as losses top £2bn

FROM HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT IN NAIROBI

THE world's 200 leading airlines have lost more than £2 billion on international services this year, the annual conference of the International Air Transport Association in Nairobi was told yesterday.

The loss, the equivalent of more than £8 per passenger, is expected to rise to about £4 billion by the end of the year. Last year the airlines lost £2.7 billion.

Only 12 of the airlines are anywhere near breaking even yet they will have to find a total of £23 billion a year over the next 15 years just to finance fleets of new aircraft already on order, the conference was told.

"This kind of performance repeated a few times would mean the death of the industry," Dr Gunter Eser, director-general of the association, told the conference. "As we move towards the end of the year the industry is bleeding to death."

The industry has never faced financial problems on this scale. Further bankruptcies seem inevitable among privately-owned airlines while state-owned carriers are forced to demand more and more support from their struggling national economies.

Sir Colin Marshall, chief executive, of British Airways, said: "Domestic traffic is still significantly below last year's levels and pressure on costs is enormous. It now looks as if we will have to wait until next year before we see signs of a pick-up."

Many Third World countries are facing isolation from the rest of the world because large airlines in the developed world can no longer afford to fly on unprofitable routes and are concentrating on the few remaining money-spinning services across the Atlantic or the Pacific.

Dr Eser said that it was time for charging authorities, insurers and governments, to start caring. "Otherwise we won't have a viable industry in a few years time."

Interest charges on new aircraft rose by 27 per cent in 1989 and by 39 per cent in 1990 to reach a total amount of $3 billion last year. Banks are demanding higher rates and returns on any investments they make.

☐ British Airways, criticised for failing to buy Rolls-Royce engines to power its new passenger jets, has ordered a £2.2 million cabin crew training simulator from Oklahoma. Meanwhile, the British company hoping to win the contract has had to cut its staff in an attempt to survive.

Three companies were chosen for the short list, two American and Flytsim of High Wycombe. All three met BA's strict specification and all appeared to be in the same price range.

British Airways said that Flytsim's equipment needed additional work to make it operational and would have proved far more expensive. That is disputed by Flytsim.

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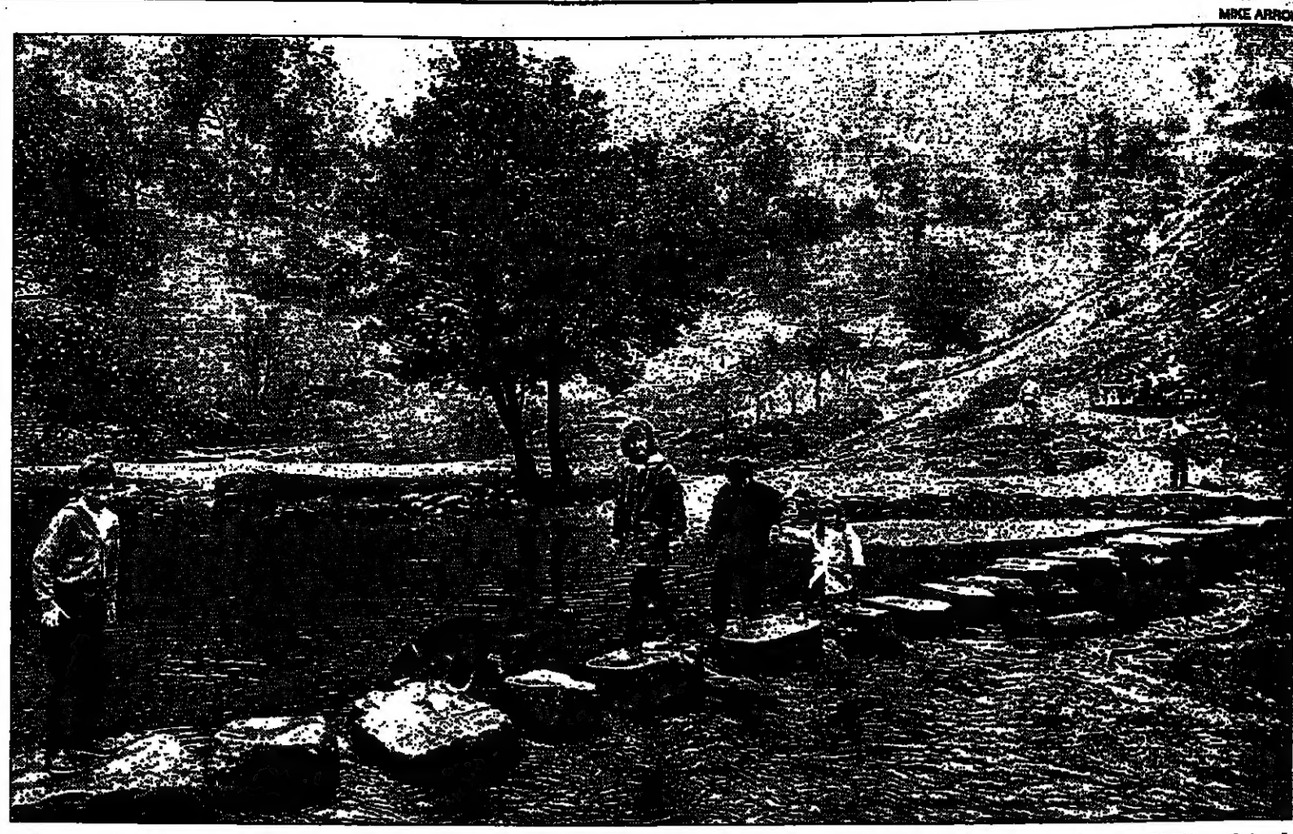

Water walk: visitors using stepping stones at Dovedale in the Peak District National Park, where a ten-year footpath restoration scheme costing £250,000 has just been completed. The restoration of the seven-mile path through Dovedale and Wolfscote Dale coincides with the 40th anniversary of the national park. Dovedale, made famous by Izaak Walton and Charles Cotton in *The Compleat Angler*, published in 1653, is visited by two million people a year, and it is estimated that 750,000 walk the footpath annually. That has caused severe erosion, and work began in 1981 on restoration, using limestone materials. The project designer, Phillip Beh-Mycock, said there had been great difficulties of access to the path "in its narrow, steep and wet valley". Backers included the Staffordshire and Derbyshire county councils.

Losing the way on a rolling Saxon shore

The maintenance of some of Britain's rights of way leaves much to be desired as John Young discovered when he negotiated the Saxon Shore Way

THE woman in the tourist office at Rye, east Sussex, was perhaps more accustomed to visitors lingering among the cinque port's shops and restaurants than asking how to leave the town, but she was able to sell us an Ordnance Survey map and to direct us to the spot just over the Rother where the Saxon Shore Way begins its winding progress across the edge of Romney Marsh.

Our mission was prompted by reports that the path was difficult to negotiate and blocked in places. Certainly the first quarter of a mile was not encouraging.

The path runs between the river and a row of houses and is heavily overgrown, enough to persuade the inexperienced walker that the signpost on the main road must have been pointing in the wrong direction. It soom came to an apparent halt at a railway bridge.

A mile or so further on, at Scots Float lock, an all but illegible sign pointed to the centre of the river and an iron fence surmounted by barbed wire. Taking a detour round the edge of a field of stubble, we came to a ramp bearing a warning by the National Rivers Authority that it was not a public slipway.

After about another mile a disused lock marks the junction with the Royal Military canal. A paved bridlepath follows the river westwards, but the Saxon Shore Way itself disappears, emerging at an unmarked point further up the road, from where it crosses a couple of fields and up a shallow escarpment leading to the village of Stone-in-Oxney.

It was not exactly an arduous journey, but the the first stretch is enough to deter anyone, and the signposting is inadequate. East Sussex county council, which is responsible for maintaining rights of way, said that it would investigate. "We take our statutory duties very seriously," an official said.

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Long wait for view of asteroid

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE first close-up pictures of an asteroid should be taken tomorrow evening by the Galileo spacecraft as it heads for Jupiter, but scientists may have to wait a year before they see them.

The spacecraft has been aimed to pass within about 1,000 miles of the asteroid Gaspra, a piece of irregularly shaped rock 11 miles long by about seven miles wide. As it passes, Galileo will take 150 photographs.

However, the pictures cannot be broadcast back to Earth immediately because Galileo's main radio antenna has failed to open fully. They will be stored on tape and if efforts to free the antenna fail, they will be sent by a less powerful aerial when Galileo is next near Earth, in November 1992.

250 seal pups die in storms

By KERRY GILL

THE worst natural disaster to strike the grey seal population in living memory has resulted in several hundred pups dying on beaches in the Shetland Islands because of recent storms, said to be among the fiercest in 20 years.

The Nature Conservancy Council said yesterday that the toll could have been even higher had it not been for a rescue operation by conservationists, helped by the public and local companies. There are about 3,500 grey seals in the islands and they give birth to some 500 pups each season. The latest estimate is that more than half the pups have died.

Eileen Stuart, the council's scientific officer, said that the disaster would not have a long term effect, because of the number of grey seals and their annual reproduction rate.

Tighter controls on fish farming sought

STRICTER controls must be imposed on the burgeoning fish farming industry if the marine environment around Britain is to be adequately protected, according to the World Wide Fund for Nature (Kerry Gill writes).

Fish farming, which has expanded in the last decade into a multi-million pound industry mainly on the north and west coasts of Scotland, is responsible for the release of nutrients and toxic chemicals, a report produced for the fund says.

Simon Pepper, the fund's Scottish officer, said: "The impact of thousands of tonnes of nutrients pumped into our lochs every year, plus the inadequate control of highly toxic chemicals used to treat fish disease, is having an adverse effect on marine life."

Mr Pepper added: "Research, monitoring and regulation of these practices is at present hopelessly inadequate. The coastal waters are an immensely rich and valuable resource. We must integrate fish farming practices and development issues with full regard for the environment."

The report calls for a national policy that would bring all fish farms under planning controls. The effects on the environment should be monitored immediately.

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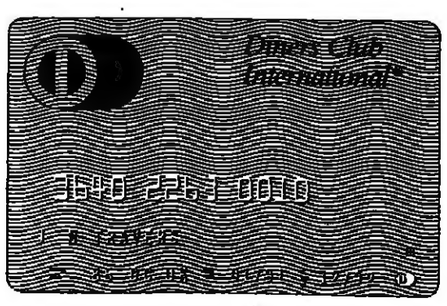

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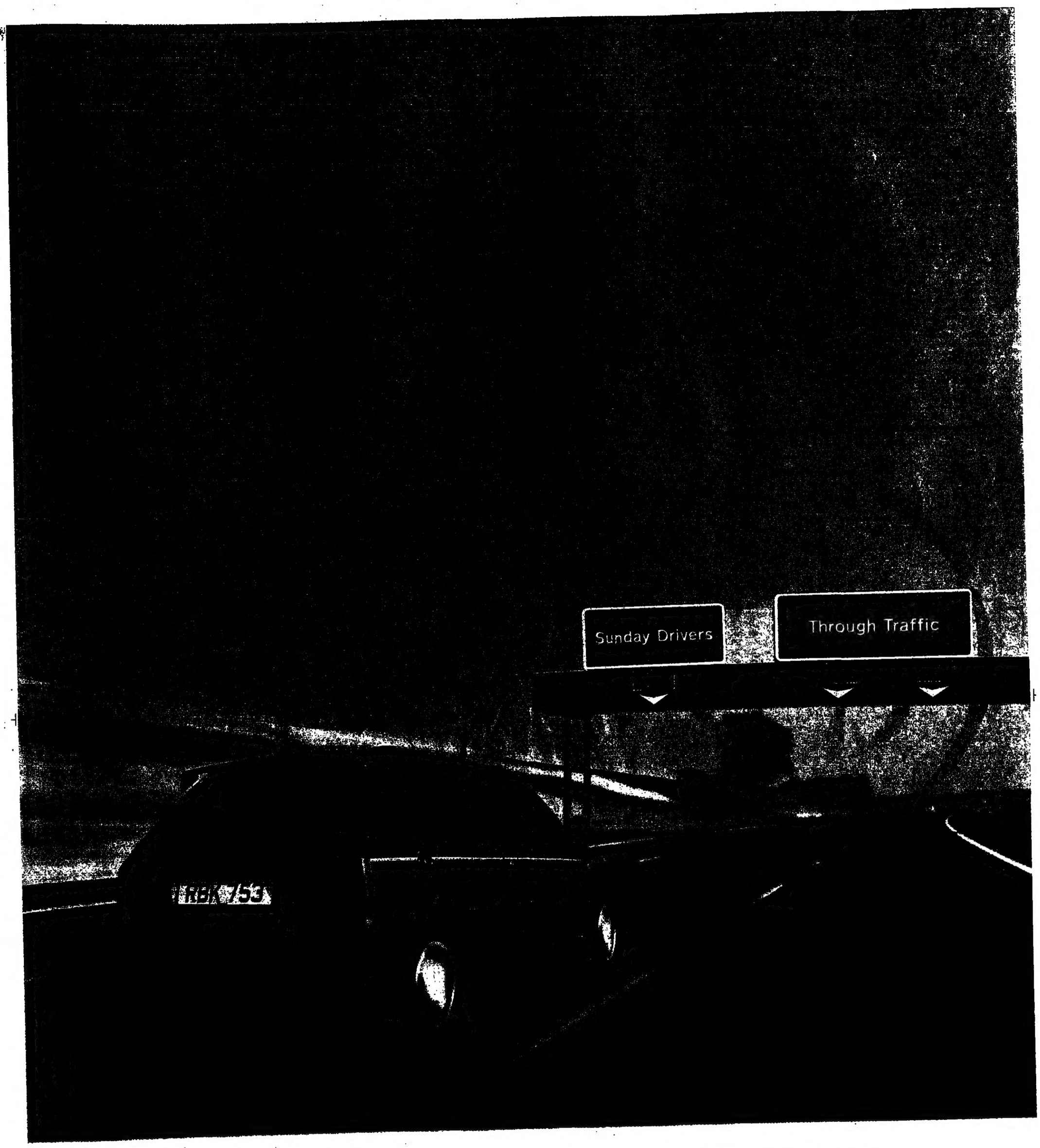

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Building up to Maastricht: the British role in a shifting pattern of alliances

London-Bonn talks will decide fate of union treaties

As the haggling gets under way **Michael Binyon** and **George Brock** examine the task facing the prime minister

WITH only six weeks remaining until the Maastricht summit, Britain is beginning to reveal to its European Community partners where it has drawn the line on concessions the government is willing to make to reach agreement.

British officials are expecting tough negotiations and insist that they want a treaty to be signed at the summit, but many are privately conceding that only a draft outline may now be possible.

Germany is now seen in London as key to any breakthrough. Not only does Germany carry the greatest weight, especially on economic and monetary union, but German positions on most of the unresolved issues are unclear, at least to Britain.

Although outwardly maintaining the most firmly federal line on many issues, Germany appears less ready than France to submit European foreign and defence policies to majority vote. At the same time Germany is now among the most vocal critics of what it sees as British intransigence.

The series of top-level talks in Bonn this week, culminating in a summit between John Major and Helmut Kohl on Friday, will therefore be crucial.

Both men, who respect each other but whose friendship has cooled as disappointment has replaced Bonn's earlier hopes of a more emollient British attitude, know that in the shifting pattern of alliances among the Twelve on various issues, the extent to which London and Bonn can find common ground will determine the fate of the two treaties on political and economic and monetary union.

Some of the pessimism now abroad reflects the despair of the officials working on the treaty text who think that the number of disagreements is just too high to demolish by December 9.

No deal has been reached on the following points: Should the EC form a community-wide immigration policy? 11 states think so, Britain does not. Will any future EC defence policy tread on Nato's territory or not?

Can qualified majority voting be used anywhere in framing joint foreign policies? Nine members say yes, but Britain is opposed.

Will frontiers and cross-border crime be dealt with by EC powers or by a separate system?

Should the European parliament have either veto powers or joint powers to make EC laws with governments? Britain is edging towards concession.

Will the EC have new or extended powers over education, transport, industrial policy, health and labour law? Britain remains isolated over social charter issues, but the Germans are strongly in favour of EC social law.

How far is qualified majority voting to be used to settle EC law? Agreements are still being reached, but mostly on secondary issues.

Last week, Britain won a majority for keeping research and development funds al most entirely out of EC hands. The group of countries led by Britain, Germany and the Netherlands are confident that proposals for a protectionist and subsidy-driven "industrial policy" will be dropped.

The union treaty has been written on German terms: France has failed to turn Emu into a straightjacket for the newly-enlarged Germany.

France and its ally in the EC commission, M Jacques Delors, have now fastened onto the issue of majority voting in foreign policy as the litmus test of whether the EC is taking a step towards real federal union or not. Chancellor Kohl reluctantly backs them. Mr Major and Mr Hurd are implacably opposed to majority voting, a position which has only been hardened by Mr Hurd's experiences in the foreign ministers' council as it has wrestled with the Yugoslav civil war.

Britain's aim over the next six weeks will be to find as many allies as possible on the various issues. Whitehall is confident it does not stand alone on any unresolved item, except perhaps social policy, including labour legislation, where the other 11 cannot accept Britain's insistence on preventing the Community having a say.

One British negotiator, explaining the tactic, remarked: "In the Community today we don't have permanent alliances; we make them subject by subject with underlying warmth to all."

Mr Hurd is publishing joint statements with traditionally federalist Italy and planning joint Baltic embassies with Germany, both moves discomforting France. The old *directoire* of France and Germany, which has run the EC for 35 years, is on its way to becoming a triumvirate.

Whether the Franco-German pair truly becomes a Franco-German-British troika is up to Chancellor Kohl. He protected Mr Major from his enemies at the community's summit in the summer, but that was only a rehearsal for Maastricht. Will he do the same come December?

"It is an error," Machiavelli wrote, "for princes to come together in their persons to consummate what their envoys have failed to." The EC princes are nevertheless scheduled to appear in Maastricht six weeks from today, whether or not their envoys have bridged the gaps.

Because no government believes that the treaty will be ready by December 9, there is already talk of Maastricht II, a second summit before the end of December

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Sweating it out: Herr Kohl at an Amazon reserve yesterday during a visit to Brazil. He meets John Major for key talks on Friday

Hurd says UK will not sign currency pledge

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

MONETARY UNION

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, made plain yesterday that Britain would not sign a draft declaration to be unveiled by the Dutch government committing European Community countries eventually to join a single currency.

The declaration will not have legal force and is planned to stand alongside the new treaty on monetary union to be considered at the Maastricht summit.

The foreign secretary swiftly ruled out the possibility of Britain signing when he told *The World This Weekend* on BBC Radio 4: "We are not going to commit Britain to joining a system called stage three with a single bank and single currency. We are not going to make that commitment."

Mr Hurd used his interview to voice hopes of a deal at Maastricht and to play down the extent of the decisions to be made there. He said: "We will not reach an agreement at Maastricht on the final shape of Europe. That will probably be for our children. What we have to try to decide is whether there is enough common ground for a further worthwhile step forward. I think there is."

Mr Hurd played down suggestions that another summit might be called after Maastricht if agreement were not possible there. He said: "We cannot rule it out, but it is not our aim. It is not desirable. It would be much better to deal with this in an orderly way during the Dutch presidency of the Community and get on with the next stages in the Community."

There was no advantage in delay. The EC had much on its plate next year, including much-needed changes in the agricultural policy and applications by potential members to join.

"We should get this particular negotiation out of the way before the end of the year, at Maastricht if we can," Mr Hurd said.

Mr Hurd again expressed disappointment at some things done and said by the European Commission. Some of them had made the negotiations more difficult and were not prudent, he said. "We do not think it is sensible to have a commission that constantly seeking to insert itself into the crannies of of everyday life," he said.

Mr Hurd said that in the next six weeks "we will be working very hard to try to reach agreement and to try to bridge the gaps which remain".

The foreign secretary defended his description, made in an interview with the German news weekly *Der Spiegel*, published today, of Jacques Delors, the EC commission president, as a "centraliser". Mr Hurd added: "I said he was highly honourable and intelligent, but that his ideas about the final goal in Europe were different from those of most people in this country."

Mr Hurd said there could be circumstances in which agreement would not be reached — "circumstances in which people press federalist ideas which the prime minister won't simply be able to recommend to the cabinet and Commons".

Mr Hurd tells *Der Spiegel* that he opposes any European defence policy duplicating or weakening Nato.

Idea of European army revived

By John Winder

DEFENCE

A EUROPEAN army to replace existing national defence forces within the European Community is suggested by a Labour MP in a Fabian Society pamphlet published today.

The proposal revives a Churchillian idea of 1950, and the plan by the French prime minister René Pleven of 1952 that progressed as far as a draft European defence community treaty between France and other west European countries. Britain, however, was not included.

Calum Macdonald, the Labour MP for the Western Isles, sees his proposal as assisting the political integration of the community, persuading "the left in Britain ... to give its full backing to the development of the defence and security dimension of the European Community". However, the proposal seems as likely to face opposition from left and right.

Mr Macdonald writes that the continuation of separate national armies within the EC is as absurd and wasteful as separate Scottish and English armies would be in the United Kingdom. "The left should be particularly alert to such waste and absurdity, and unsympathetic to the narrow chauvinism which sustains it," he says.

"A European Community with a defence dimension can make up for the major inadequacies of the other international security organisations. Unlike the CSCE [Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe] and the UN, the community has a proven track record of co-ordinating action and policy by overriding individual national vetoes," he writes.

Mr Macdonald says that the political argument for the policy is that defence union follows naturally from the increasing convergence of national foreign policies through European co-operation.

The eventual achievement of full economic and monetary union would lead to general identification of the vital national interests of the member states of the EC.

So long as west Europeans conducted foreign and defence policies on a national basis, the United States and Germany would, respectively, set the future global and regional agendas. A defence dimension to the community could solve both problems.

The economic argument, he says, is that maintaining 12 separate defence establishments in the Community is intolerably wasteful and inefficient. "If Europe were already politically united, would the most ardent devolvers clamour to decentralise on defence? Why then, was it so difficult to move from wasteful division to rational unity?"

Mr Macdonald adds: "The left in Britain should firmly repudiate the pseudo-Gaullism of Mrs Thatcher and give its full backing to the development of a defence and security dimension to the European Community.

"We must overcome the 'dependency culture' created in Europe by our reliance upon American leadership and build instead a stronger, healthier, and, inevitably, more equal partnership in the transatlantic alliance."

Mr Macdonald has been encouraged by the joint declaration on European defence by the United Kingdom and Italy on October 4, which said that political union implied gradual development of a common foreign and security policy and a stronger European defence identity. It also said that Western European Union should develop a rapid reaction force.

Mr Macdonald won the Western Isles for Labour from the Scottish Nationalists at the 1987 election.

WHERE THE PARTIES STAND ON EUROPE

	CONSERVATIVE	LABOUR	LIB DEMS
Strengthen Euro-parliament	Limited strengthening: some new powers over Commission	Some powers of initiation and co-decision with Council of Ministers	Much stronger: greater legislative scrutiny of Commission
Extensions of EC powers	No, and also no extension of majority voting	Majority vote on social and environmental issues	Common environmental policy, with some national autonomy
Common EC defence policy	No, but more links through Western European Union	No	Yes
Single currency	No imposition	Not yet	Yes
Possibility of EMU opt-out	Yes	No	No
EC foreign policy with majority vote	No	No	Yes
EC to regulate immigration	No	No	Under discussion
Enlargement of EC	Yes	Yes	Yes

Unionists welcomes Tory 'shift'

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

JIM Molyneaux, the Ulster Unionist party leader, demonstrated this weekend that he is taking seriously recent signals from the government of a change in policy on Northern Ireland.

He said that a real shift had taken place, in spite of denials by Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary, in the wake of what sounded like integrationist speeches by himself and Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, at the Conservative party conference earlier this month.

Mr Molyneaux told his party's annual conference near Londonderry on Saturday: "The foreign secretary has admitted that the debate has moved on. The world is a different place." He said the government had now realised that the demand by nationalists who did not wish to remain in the United Kingdom, for a privileged place in the government of the province was unreasonable.

Molyneaux: believes that the debate has moved on

This had come about from an obvious shift in attitudes in government and Parliament, and "from an overdue recognition of the justice of the Unionist case; from a discovery that we were right and they were wrong; from a realisation that Roman Catholicism is not synonymous with nationalism; above all a conclusion that unionism and nationalism owe allegiance to two separate sovereign states".

Mr Molyneaux went on to launch his own initiative for fresh talks, based on negotiations between the two unionist parties and the Social Democratic and Labour party, to be held at Westminster. "Fresh discussions got under way a month ago and contacts are developing steadily," he said during his keynote speech.

"I intend that these discussions should broaden to include senior and junior ministers from various Whitehall departments, and with other parties. That wide approach is essential if we are to make real progress in extirpating terrorism from whatever source.

His hopes are likely to come to nothing. Neither the SDLP nor Dublin can be expected to be enthusiastic about an agenda which excludes the Irish government and implicitly rejects the government's three-strand approach.

The conference passed resolutions calling for the introduction of selective internment and to change the name Royal Irish Regiment, which will shortly replace the Ulster Defence Regiment, to the Royal Ulster Regiment.

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Building up to Maastricht: Europe's perspective

Kohl seeks to sell vision of unity

GERMAN VIEW

The German chancellor will be taking a conciliatory tone with John Major in trying to win over Britain to his concept of a new Europe, Ian Murray writes from Bonn

Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, returns from an away-from-it-all trip to Chile and Brazil today to prepare to convert John Major to his concept of a united Europe.

With time running out for more junior negotiators to reach the important compromises needed if the Maastricht European Community summit is to succeed, Herr Kohl believes his meeting with the prime minister later this week will provide the best, perhaps the last, chance for ensuring EC agreement in December.

German spokesmen have been vying with the British in issuing firm warnings about how determined Bonn is not to compromise at the summit. But the signs are that Herr Kohl will be in conciliatory mood.

He is even prepared to see negotiations over political and economic union drag on into early next year rather than risk Britain torpedoing any agreement by using its veto at Maastricht. The reason is that the two main German threats hold no terrors for Mr Major.

One threat is that Britain will be isolated — a pre-election position in which Mr Major might for once be happy to wrap himself in the mantle of Margaret Thatcher. The other is that if he is not satisfied by a proposed treaty on political union, Germany will refuse to sign the treaty on economic union. Since Britain is in no rush to do either, the German veto would not worry Mr Major.

During their talks in Bonn on Friday, therefore, the two leaders are likely to identify the many areas in which there is agreement already in order to minimise the importance of the very real differences which remain. Agreement on an economic union treaty is now seen as there for the taking. In their different ways both countries have now accepted the idea of a European defence identity and Western European Union ministers, meeting in Bonn tomorrow, are likely to endorse this.

Differences are greatest over political union, where the chancellor notably wants a treaty granting more powers to the European parliament and majority voting on foreign policy issues. Even there, however, the seeds of compromise are planted, with Britain ready to see the parliament given authority over anything which is of exclusive EC responsibility and keen to increase the scope of political co-operation.

Herr Kohl, whose Christian Democratic Union has a new co-operation pact with the Conservatives, already understands the domestic political reasons why Mr Major should not be pushed too far. Given a clear understanding that Britain is not going to obstruct Europe on integration for much longer, there is every chance that Friday's meeting will end amicably even without a commitment to agreement at the next summit.

While Mr Major has domestic reasons for going slow on political union, the chancellor has his own domestic reasons for wanting to rush ahead. Two of the most difficult problems he has to face are the huge influx of immigrants and the future role of the Bundeswehr. The constitution prevents his government from stopping migrants and from deploying German troops outside Nato area. He cannot obtain the majority in the Bundestag he needs to alter the constitution and is therefore hoping that this can be done through agreed European policy.

Mr Major is bound to disillusion him in this hope. However far he may be prepared to go down the path of political union, Mr Major will not accept that a sovereign nation's consitution can be subservient to a treaty on European union. Herr Kohl finds no such difficulty and believes that, ultimately, only a common European policy on issues such as defence and immigration can succeed.

Herr Kohl nevertheless believes that decisions on the shape of political union cannot be delayed much longer. Last week's trade agreement between the EC and European Free Trade Association is seen as adding urgency to the negotiations since it brings the enlargement of the community much nearer. There is no doubt in Bonn that negotiations on political and economic union among the Twelve have proved almost impossible and that the difficulties will multiply with every new entrant.

The chancellor also sees the creation of political union as a personal crusade. His generation in Germany remembers enough of the consequences of war to believe that federalism is the best antidote to nationalism. He fears that rising nationalism, not only in his own country, will make it less and less easy to build institutional structures capable of uniting Europe. He argues that if Britain is not careful, Germany could turn in on itself again.

Although British opposition is seen as the main stumbling block, the chancellor does not think it possible to create a united Europe without Britain. He views Britain as an essential part of the new union he would like to see.

While the German relationship with France remains, for him, the essential foundation for the community, the membership of Britain gives Europe credibility in the rest of the world. He was delighted and relieved when Mr Major promised in Bonn in May that Britain was "in the heart of Europe".

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Britain digs in over right of entry

From George Brock in Brussels

IMMIGRATION

A DEADLOCK between Britain and Germany over whether the European Community should control immigration to all its member states will top the agenda at talks this week between John Major and Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor.

The leaders will discuss the issue in the negotiations over the EC's monetary and political union, due to be completed at the Maastricht summit. The list of remaining disagreements across the EC, and between Britain and Germany, is a long one but Britain now finds itself in a one to 11 minority over who controls immigration policy. "Of all the difficult points between London and Bonn at Maastricht, I think that immigration is going to be the sticking point," a British official said.

Officials negotiating the text of the political union treaty spent several days in the past fortnight debating immigration, crime and frontier controls but reached few agreements. Eleven governments, led by Germany, have made clear that at least immigration and asylum should be handled by Brussels. Immigration is swiftly becoming the most volatile and potent political issue across Western Europe, with anti-immigrant parties surging in both France and Germany. Germany is handling some 80 per cent of Europe's asylum requests. Herr Kohl served notice at the June summit that he wanted the EC to take decisions on frontiers at Maastricht.

At the treaty conference last Friday, German delegates outlined a plan to put the EC in charge of a new system linking national police forces, which could eventually become a European police force. The two-stage German plan cals for an EC-wide intelligence centre modelled on Interpol and nicknamed "Europol". Later, EC governments would hand some policing powers to what German sources coyly call a "European police institution."

Britain opposed the plan and insists that these sensitive subjects be dealt with inside a special system separated from central EC institutions where the powers would remain with national governments. Ministers are fearful that British immigration law may become subject to the EC's court of justice. Most EC governments think that the EC's policy-making commission and court should be the "pillars" of the new EC system on crime and frontiers. British ministers see the case for trans-European co-operation on drug smuggling, terrorism, fraud and illegal immigration but without ceding powers to Brussels.

National affront: a protester in Paris, carrying a placard denouncing racism as an insult to France, highlights the fears of immigrants to Europe

Dutch braced for Emu storm

By George Brock

SINGLE CURRENCY

A FURIOUS row over Britain's role in European economic and monetary union will erupt today when the Dutch government publishes a new version of the proposed Emu treaty.

The 30-page text was approved by the Dutch cabinet on Friday. Clauses to be agreed by Europe's central bank governors at a meeting in Basle will be added today before the latest version of the plan for a single currency is released in The Hague. The Netherlands, currently holding the rotating presidency of the EC, hopes to achieve a deal on Emu before December's Maastricht summit.

But the Dutch are braced for trouble over the formula they have adopted to cope with Britain's refusal, yesterday reiterated by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, to commit itself to merging the community's 12 currencies. The text which will appear tomorrow rejects the so-called "Delors compromise" opt-out for Britain in favour of a much looser formula.

One clause in the treaty will allow any government to drop out of the third and last stage of currency merger within six months of the decision by community governments to go ahead with it. That option will be available to all 12 members and would allow the British government its long-standing insistence to put any decision on Emu to the parliament of the time.

But the Dutch will propose that the treaty be accompanied by a declaration, which would not be legally binding, that no country would use the escape clause and would make every effort to complete monetary union. Dutch officials said yesterday that the declaration would not necessarily be a categorical commitment to monetary union and that they hoped the wording would be broadly enough drawn for Britain to be able to sign.

STRASBOURG NOTEBOOK by Tom Walker

Queen has tough act to follow before MEPs

When the Queen visits the European parliament next summer it is doubtful that she will be able to match the rhetoric of King Husain of Jordan, who was recently in Strasbourg. Seasoned observers of royal speeches to the parliament say it is many years since such language was heard.

"It is with a deep sense of historic responsibility that I stand before you today addressing this august body, the honorable representatives of the peoples of the European community states ... I thank you most sincerely for the privilege and honour of your invitation to address you at this critical and exciting time of change on our planet earth ... " And so it went on.

Sniping among MEPs over the Queen's visit continues. Glyn Ford (Greater Manchester East, Labour), the leader of the Labour group within the parliamentary Socialist party, claims the Conservatives will use her visit as a "fig leaf" to hide their own differences to Europe.

The Queen, the last European head of state to visit the parliament, will probably do so in July when Britain will hold the European presidency. Whether Britain, and the Queen, will preside over moves toward a single currency or a European army is another matter.

With enlargement of the community on everyone's minds in the wake of the opening up of Eastern Europe and the community's deal with Efta, the European Free Trade Association, parliamentarians have been considering the ramifications of MEPs of perhaps 30 nationalities decending on Strasbourg instead of the present 12.

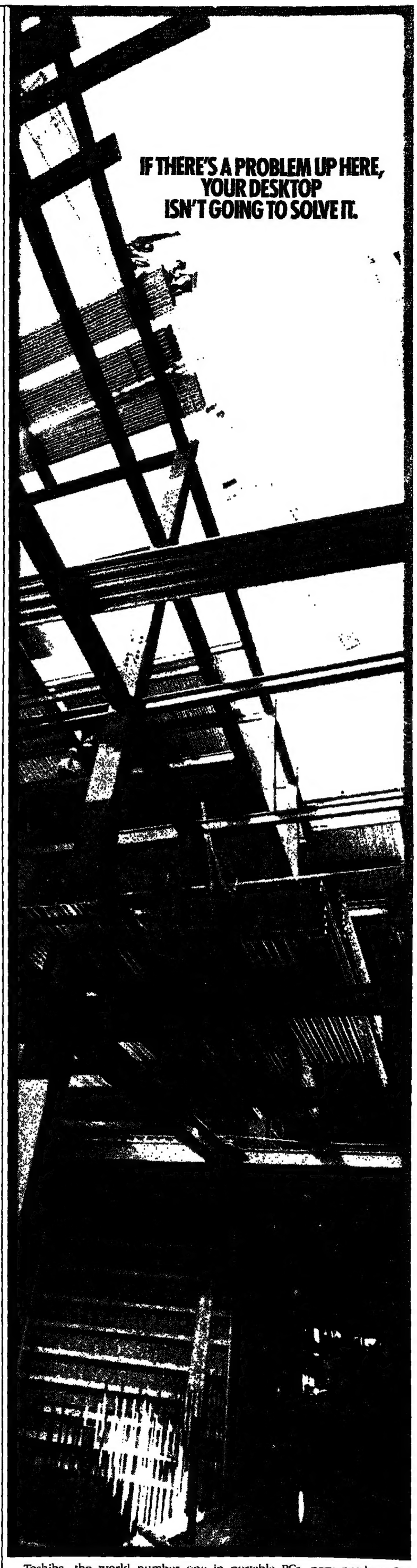
Quite apart from having 1,200 members running around the place, how would the services like translation function? Estimates suggest a team of at least 100 translators will be needed at each meeting, easily outnumbering the usual number of delegates present. That, however, is at least preferable to Systran, the EC's computerised translation service, a black hole down which the commission has poured millions of ecus. Systran cannot be persuaded not to mistranslate visitors names, once rendering Menachem Begin, the former Israeli prime minister, into French as "Monsieur Commencer".

Attendance at parliamentary sessions is meant to be noted by the parliament's ushers, who sign members in. The ushers are part of the 3,600 bureaucrats who keep the parliament building ticking over.

One thing evident is that most of these jobs are considered jobs for life; indeed, only one parliamentary bureaucrat has ever been fired, an usher who was persistently drunk on duty. Others caught misbehaving are generally shifted into other areas in the warren-like building.

One interesting job is the rotating shift guarding the escalator leading from the press rooms on the ground floor up to the members bar and debating chamber on the first floor. For as long as anyone can remember, parliamentary staff have sat at a desk guarding the escalator, checking the identity of all getting on.

The trouble is, the escalator has disappeared in the summer recess, replaced by a wall. But the desk and the attendants remain.



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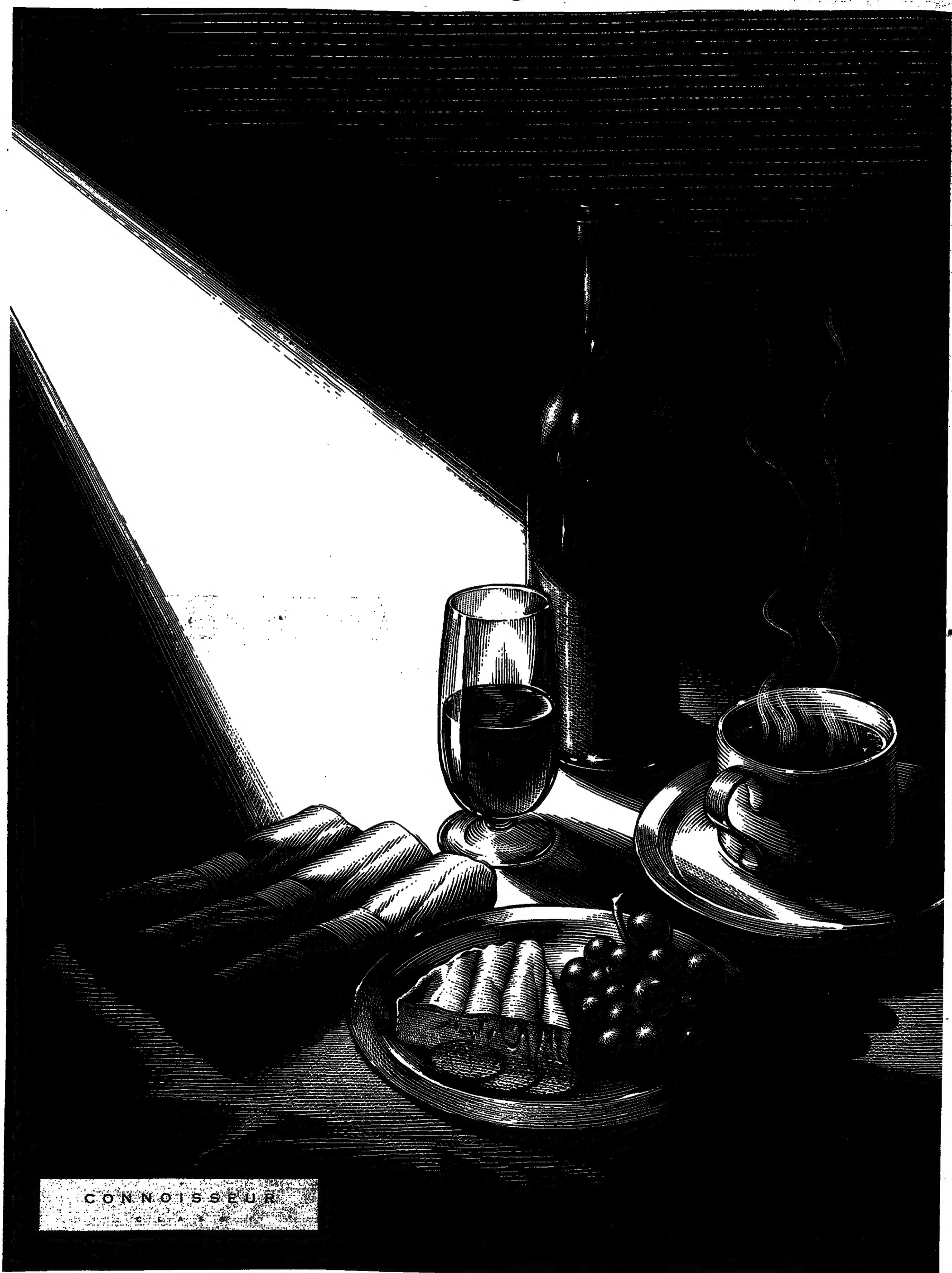

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UNITED AIRLINES

Army brushes aside defence chief's pledge to lift siege of Dubrovnik

EC monitors are stranded

From TIM JUDAH IN KORCULA

THE Yugoslav military authorities yesterday went back on on their promise — made late on Friday — to lift the blockade of the besieged Adriatic port of Dubrovnik. A brief truce was shattered as the Yugoslav army launched an artillery barrage against the historic city. Croatian forces continued to hold out against the odds, rejecting an ultimatum to surrender.

Croatian television said artillery and heavy machine guns were being used by the federal army. The European Community, in a statement issued in The Hague, condemned the renewed attack on Dubrovnik and issued its strongest criticism to date of the Yugoslav army. "Ceasefire agreements have been violated by all parties, but recent federal army attacks are out of all proportion to any non-compliance by Croatia," said the statement said.

The Balkanija, a ferry boat heading towards Dubrovnik with an EC ceasefire monitoring group on board, was told that if it proceeded the navy "could not guarantee its safe passage." This left the EC team stranded on the island of Korcula, 50 miles to the northwest. "Despite any annoucements, the blockade has not been lifted," a port official on Korcula said.

On Saturday the Slavija, the sistership of the Balkanija, was fired upon as it approached Dubrovnic and one sailor was reported to have been injured. According to Croatian sources, the Slavija which was going to Dubrovnic to bring out refugees, was fired at by a Yugoslav naval patrol boat.

The Yugoslav defence minister, General Veljko Kadijevic, had informed Franjo Tudjman, the president of Croatia, on Friday that the blockade would be lifted. The failure to implement this, and the obstruction of European ceasefire monitors trying to relieve an EC team already in the beleaguered town, will top the agenda of EC foreign ministers when they meet today.

Speaking in Herceg Novi, in Montenegro, from where much of the operation against Dubrovnik is being directed, Vice-Admiral Miodrag Jokic said: "The blockade has been tightened. Only ships bringing in medical and humanitarian aid and those evacuating the women and the sick will be allowed to pass."He added that, "although not a single military formation will enter Dubrovnik, nor will a single bullet or projectile enter the centre," the siege would be kept up "until Croatian paramilitary forces surrender."

These statements were angrily denounced by Colonel Imra Agotic, the chief Croat negotiator with the Yugoslav military, who said: "This only proves that the army is not desisting from its goals regardless of the fact that the defence minister, Veljko Kadijevic, ordered a ceasefire in Dubrovnic. We reject this ultimatum."

While news filtering out of Dubrovnic suggested that the weekend had passed relatively peacefully, reports coming from other fronts, particularly eastern Croatia, said that there had been no slackening of the violence.On Friday, Lord Carrington, the chairman of the EC peace conference on Yugoslavia, condemned General Kadijevic for persevering in the siege of the ancient town which he said had no strategic significance. Brushing aside this criticism General Kadijevic has now suggested that Serbs living in Dubrovnic could be taken hostage by the Croats, a statement seen as an ominous development in Croatia because it could be interpreted as a preparation for a final attack on the city.

Ever since the siege of Dubrovnic began almost a month ago, it has had no electricity, running water or fresh food and its famous old city has been damaged by shelling. Its defences are extremely weak and its population lives in terror of army repression.

A port official in Korcula said the Slavija had already picked up the refugees and was heading for Montengro.

Tears of relief: a Dubrovnik woman and her daughters cry as they leave an EC monitoring team's boat in Cavtat

Polish priests call on voters to reject left

From ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

ROMAN Catholic clergy yesterday launched a last-minute attempt from the pulpit to persuade Poles not to vote for left-wing parties in Poland's first fully free elections since 1928.

But Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish primate, refused to give any voting advice as he cast his ballot in the archdiocese of Gniezno. He contented himself with hoping that the new parliament would "work and work". However, the episcopate under his leadership had already prepared a letter urging Poles to choose parties that favour a ban on abortion and embrace Christian values. The letter was the basis of the sermon in most parishes. In the countryside, particularly, priests expanded on the advice to warn voters against communists and their like.

Even President Walesa, technically above politics, has not been shy in saying that the communists should be eradicated, declaring that he would vote "according to my Christian beliefs". The power sharing deal between the communists and Solidarity in 1989 guaranteed the communists, now called Social Democrats, more than 60 per cent of the seats in the Sejm, the lower house of parliament. This pioneered the changes throughout Eastern Europe but, as the revolutions gathered pace and the Berlin Wall tumbled, so Poland started to lag behind.

Now it is the last of the East European countries to hold fully free elections. There is little doubt that the former communists will lose most of their seats. But the danger of the pulpit advice became clear yesterday as Poles walked to the polling stations. Posters put up by the former communists as well as those of the Democratic Union of Tadeusz Mazowiecki, a former prime minister, had been defaced with anti-Semitic graffiti and Star of David symbols. The Democratic Union combines elements of social and Christian democracy and has resisted a ban on abortion. That is enough for many right-wingers to brand the party "unchristian".

The Democratic Union is tipped to win between 19 and 25 per cent of the vote, making it the largest single party of the 116 in the elections, in which an average of 15 parties is contesting each seat. It will none the less have to search for coalition partners. Both the church and, it seems, Mr Walesa are nervous that a Democratic Union-led coalition government will lurch to the left. Hence the church's attempts to boost the chances of the smaller right-wing Christian parties. Two weeks ago church brokers tried to persuade the 14 small Catholic parties to adopt a common platform. But they could not bridge the differences between those who had co-operated with the former communist regime and those who strongly opposed communism.

Nurse gets 13 years for art theft

Dragaignan — A French court jailed a nurse for 13 years for locking up an elderly aristocrat and letting her die so that she could steal her £175 million art collection. Joelle Pesnel, who nursed Suzanne de Canson for five years, wept at the verdict.

Two years after De Canson died, aged 76, in 1986, Pesnel was arrested when she sold *Seville Gentleman* by Bartolome Murillo, the 17th-century Spanish artist, to the Louvre for £2.95 million. The prosecution had asked for a 20-year prison term.

She was accused of letting De Canson waste away in filthy conditions and of persuading her to leave her fortune to her grandmother, who was already dead, making Pesnel the heiress. Visitors who saw De Canson before her death said she was emaciated, covered in excrement and appeared to be drugged. Pesnel has protested that she loved the old lady. *(Reuter)*

Breakaway vote

Moscow — Authorities in the central Asian republic of Turkmenia claimed an overwhelming endorsement from voters for their proclamation of formal independence, a status that will not preclude participation in whatever political arrangements are made to replace the Soviet Union.

Theatre burns

Rome — The Teatro Petruzzelli in Bari, one of Italy's best-loved opera houses, has been destroyed by fire. Investigators said that no cause, including arson, could be ruled out. Firemen fought the blaze for more than four hours but all that survived of the building was a smouldering roofless hulk.

Athens sacking

Athens — Constantine Mitsotakis, the Greek prime minister, sacked Miltiades Evert, the top minister to his office, because he implied that the foreign ministry had leaked private correspondence between Mr Mitsotakis and President Bush about Cyprus. The row plunged Greece into political turmoil. *(Reuter)*

Chemical ban

Brussels — A new Nato strategy, to be approved at a Rome summit next month, will eliminate the role of chemical weapons. Since 1967 Nato has made secret provisions for limited chemical strikes. But some allies are uneasy over US plans to build a global system to defend against missiles. *(Reuter)*

Neo-nazi brawl

Erfurt — Neo-nazis and anarchists brawled in the streets of two east German towns, causing serious damage to property. Police who intervened to stop the clashes in Arnstadt and Marlishausen were attacked by both sides.

'Rebirth' comes to red remnant

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

MOSCOW seethed with activity this weekend as former communists of every hue tried to find a way to survive the political winter ahead.

Bright young things and tired idealists assembled in a dilapidated high-rise block to hanker after "pure marxism". They formed the "Rebirth" party and want to halt the retreat of socialism. Their well-worn theme was that socialism is fine so long as it is done properly, but that no one in Russia had even tried.

A 15-minute drive away, in a carpeted cinema centre, Aleksandr Rutskoi, vice-president to Boris Yeltsin, and an ex-fighter pilot, was advocating a curious mixture of cautious politics and currency reform. Here, among caviar sandwiches and closed-circuit televisions, were the Russian Communists for Democracy, henceforward the People's Party for Free Russia.

The combination of dark suits and ill-fitting brown ones, and the predominance of middle-aged men made pretty clear that this was the refuge of the apparatus. Delegates were entertained with video-ed speeches by provincial leaders. "Not everyone in our country," they droned, "favours radical reform; they counsel caution."

The reference to communists in the former title was a political liability, so it was changed. But, the party's spokesman said, many wanted "something closer to the social democracy we stand for".The unspoken problem was that the name Social Democratic party has been taken — by the elite heirs of the Communist party; Eduard Shevardnadze, the former foreign minister, and Aleksandr Yakovlev, President Gorbachev's aide.

Out east, in the factory cinema of the Moscow compressor plant, were gathered the workers and their patrons, Roy Medvedev, a self-styled marxist-leninist, and Anatoli Denisov, an ally of Mr Gorbachev.

Professor Denisov read from the platform's report: "All forms of property will be permitted and encouraged." Fine, retorted the floor, so long as collective ownership suffers no disadvantage. "We reject narrow class-based ideology," read Professor Denisov. "No, we don't," the floor roared back. After two days of raucous "debate", it was agreed to set up the Socialist Workers' party.

In another development yesterday, officials from the Group of Seven industrialised nations began meeting representatives of all 12 Soviet republics, after a pessimistic forecast from Ukraine about prospects of agreement on the key issue: managing the foreign debt. Today the Russian parliament is expected to hear Mr Yeltsin argue for "emergency measures" to rush through economic reform.

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Gorbachev predicts socialist renewal

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

THE Soviet people will one day return to socialism, President Gorbachev predicts in a new memoir in which he agonises over his failure to avert the August coup and points to dangers which he says his country faces from hardliners and anti-communists.

"I am convinced that the discrediting of socialism in the eyes of the masses is a passing phase," Mr Gorbachev says in *The August Coup*, a 74-page book written after the failure of the attempt to topple him. In excerpts published in Europe and New York yesterday, Mr Gorbachev clings to his belief in the goals of the bolshevik revolution, an event now widely derided in the Soviet Union as an undemocratic power-grab that led to disaster. The country's troubles stemmed not from the 1917 revolution, he writes, but from "the forcible introduction of the Stalinist model of society. One must not confuse the two things ... I am a confirmed supporter of the idea of socialism." His thoughts will strengthen the conviction among Moscow reformers that his background as a lifelong Communist has prevented him from grasping the desire for a break from the past which is now sweeping the Soviet Union.

Mr Gorbachev says the "forces of reaction" are preparing the ground to take advantage of the current turmoil and seize power again. "When we put down the coup, we just struck against the head of the dragon," he says. The collapse of the putsch had triggered an anti-communist tide that threatened the country's stability and played into the hands of hardliners, he adds.

But he takes full blame for ignoring warnings when he surrounded himself with hardliners a year ago. He should have moved faster to dismantle the old structure of power wielded by the Communist party and the KGB, he says. "What took place was a very painful lesson for me personally," he adds.

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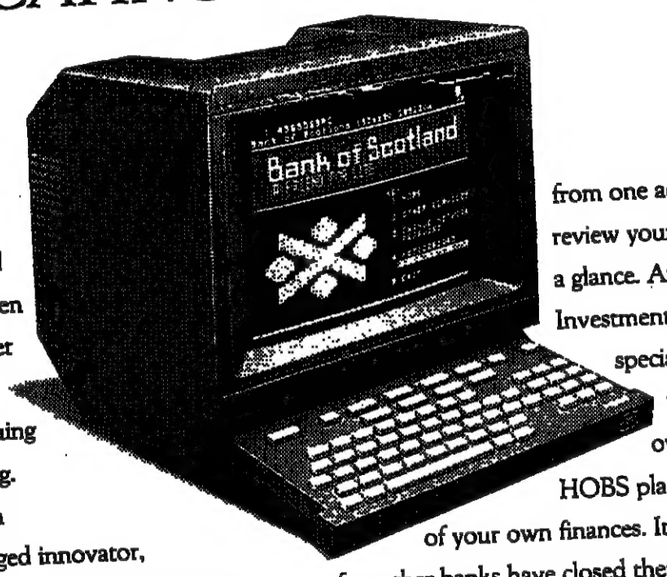

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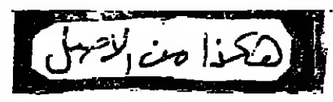

Shamir ready to walk out of talks over role of PLO

From RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND SUSAN ELLICOTT IN WASHINGTON

YITZHAK Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday said that Israel could still walk out of the Middle East peace conference this week in Madrid if Palestinian delegates pledged their allegiance to the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The Israeli leader was commenting on remarks made last week by one of the Palestinian delegates, Saeb Erekat, who said that the 14-man delegation drawn from the occupied territories was chosen by the banned organisation, which has been excluded from direct participation in the negotiations. "If anybody will come and say he is nominated by the PLO, that he is getting instruction from the PLO, we will not sit with him," Mr Shamir said in a television interview.

The issue was just one of the problems plaguing the Likud-led coalition government yesterday when the cabinet met to finalise details for the conference. Although Mr Shamir has now selected his 14-man team, mainly from right-wing politicians and officials, he none the less attempted a reconciliation with David Levy, his foreign minister, who refused to attend the historic conference because of Mr Shamir's decision to lead the Israeli delegation.

In addition to splits within the government, the cabinet also had to respond to the fierce lobbying campaign launched by the opposition left-wing parties calling for Israel to give up land for peace at the talks. Moshe Arens, the defence minister, dismissed the 30,000-strong rally on Saturday night in Tel Aviv as "unnecessary" and reiterated the government's firm position that it will never exchange any of the occupied territories for peace with the Arab states.

"We are not talking here about withdrawal and there is no need to prepare contingency plans for withdrawal," said Mr Arens. "It is not our intention in going to this conference and negotiations to have pressure put on us."

President Bush, anxious to avoid ruffling feathers before the conference, reportedly has decided to waive sanctions against Israel even though American intelligence agencies have found that the country exported parts for ballistic missiles to South Africa. The decision, reported in *The Washington Post*, has highlighted one of several potential weakness in Washington's core strategy for the talks — the arm-twisting of Israel through economic leverage rather than gentle coaxing.

As various parties restated their hardline positions about regional land and peace over the weekend, Bush administration officials were quoted in media reports as saying that Washington aims to coach Arab and Israeli participants from the sidelines in the hope of keeping dialogue alive long enough to improve the atmosphere of mutual distrust and, eventually, to draw out compromises. But the officials emphasised that the American delegation has no concrete peace plan to push at the historic talks, at which Syria and Israel will meet for the first time face-to-face to bargain about disputed territory.

Nicosia — In a move bound to anger Israel, Yasir Arafat, the PLO chairman, said he would be orchestrating the actions of the Palestinian delegation: "I have the power to take the decisions," he said.

Call to lift Libya sanctions

Algiers — France, Italy, Spain and Portugal joined five North African countries in urging the European Community to end sanctions imposed on Libya for sponsoring terrorism.

A joint declaration issued after two days of talks here demanded that the sanctions, adopted by the EC in 1986, be dropped as Middle East tensions ease and Europe tries to improve its links with North Africa. The meeting brought together the foreign ministers of the four EC members and those of the Arab Maghreb Union: Libya, Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Mauritania.

Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, said the sanctions enforced against the Gadaffi regime after a series of terrorist acts had run their course. *(AP)*

Arab go-ahead

Riyadh — Arab Gulf leaders have agreed to attend multilateral talks with Israel, planned to start on November 12, to discuss such regional issues as water resources, economic co-operation and arms control. A meeting here of Gulf Cooperation Council foreign ministers did not set out any pre-conditions. *(AFP)*

War job toll

Abu Dhabi — Up to 35,000 Filipinos lost their jobs in Kuwait and Iraq because of the Gulf war but 10,000 have returned to the emirate, said Fortunato de Oblena, the Philippines' ambassador in Abu Dhabi. The Gulf has become a vital labour market for the unemployed of the Philippines. *(AFP)*

Anderson party

Beirut — Staff members at the Beirut offices of The Associated Press were joined by 30 local and foreign journalists to mark the 44th birthday of the American hostage, Terry Anderson, the news agency's chief Middle East correspondent, who was abducted in March 1985. *(AFP)*

King's horses join all the presidents' security men

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN MADRID

OPERATION Pax, the military-style plan to protect this week's Middle East peace conference after threats from Arab and Jewish extremists, moved into action yesterday as delegates began to arrive in the Spanish capital.

More than 12,000 police and paramilitary civil guards, assisted by the secret services of five countries, including the United States and the Soviet Union, are involved in the operation which officials say is the biggest ever mounted. Madrid hospitals have collected extra supplies of blood of the groups belonging to leading negotiators.

Security fears include the maze of underground passages at the royal palace, where the conference is to be held, which were once used by kings to slip out for assignations with women. Only two years ago, students showed how easy it was to gain access via the underground routes. As delegates discussed the all-important issue of the shape of the conference table inside the Versailles-style 18th-century palace in the city centre, armoured personnel carriers took position on pavements and marksmen in olive-green flak jackets lined every approach. The usual complement of beggars who operate in the area were removed. The radical Iranian daily, *Jomhuri Islami*, said that retaliation against Spain for hosting the talks was "not a threat, but the expression of reality". Supporters of Rabbi Meir Kahane, the assassinated Jewish militant, said they would travel to Madrid to "blow up" the talks. Western experts said they feared Eta guerrillas, fighting for an independent Basque homeland, would use the presence of 4,500 journalists as an excuse to stage something spectacular. The day before Madrid was announced as the venue, Eta exploded three bombs there killing one person. "Many of us are expecting something to happen but we do not know what," said a civil guardsman.

Mounting protection: Spanish civil guards patrol outside Madrid's royal palace, the venue of the Middle East talks beginning on Wednesday

The tale of two media machines

From CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

NOTHING better illustrates the gap in attitudes between Israel and the Arabs that this week's Madrid conference will have to bridge than the way news is treated.

In Israel, foreign journalists are deluged with information, official and otherwise, at the government press office. The government also runs a computerised system which relays reports to correspondents' homes. Free translations of Hebrew papers are turned out at speed. Israel's press itself is highly competitive, hindered only by military censorship, which is imposed particularly harshly on the Arab media in east Jerusalem.

By contrast, in the Arab world there is no centre for foreign news coverage. Lebanon is thought too dangerous by most news organisations, Egypt too uncomfortable and Jordan too restrictive, with the result that the regional headquarters of Reuters, The Associated Press and the BBC are in non-Arab Cyprus.

Although official military censorship is rare, reporting is limited by restrictions on visas, expulsions, lack of genuine public debate and the refusal of a number of countries, such as Syria and Iraq, to allow resident Western correspondents at all. Even in Egypt, criticism of the Madrid conference has been muzzled by the government. In Cairo, posters condemning it were ripped down. Muslim fundamentalists were arrested for spreading material which bore the slogan: "The Jews are the Jews. They killed prophets and betrayed the pledges."

Colonel Muammar Gadaffi, the Libyan leader, has demanded an opinion poll throughout the Arab world, claiming that most people are opposed to the talks. But the results of such a poll would be unreal: most Arabs are unwilling to express anything but government-approved views.

Because democracy is virtually unknown, Israelis complain they are being judged by double standards. An Eilat shopkeeper said: "We are being asked to make deals with people whose behaviour does not conform to any of the ideals you set in the West."

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Mobutu refuses to share power as Europeans flee Zaire

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR, AND SAM KILEY

WITH bombings continuing and the evacuation of Europeans from Zaire gathering pace, President Mobutu at the weekend accused the West of "wanting my head at any price" and insisted on staying in office without sharing power with the opposition.

According to a statement released in The Hague by The Netherlands, current holders of the European Community presidency, EC ambassadors in Kinshasha, the capital, met Marshal Mobutu and warned him of "serious diplomatic, political and economic consequences" at both bilateral and community level unless a representative government was installed.

Violence and instability are increasing in Zaire. An explosion yesterday destroyed the offices and presses of *Elima*, the main opposition newspaper and the government's harshest critic. A crowd outside blamed forces loyal to the president for the blast.

Marshal Mobutu told foreign correspondents that he was under pressure from supporters to counter-attack against opposition "thugs" who had looted the homes of prominent government officials. He said he was resisting such reprisals.

The home of Etienne Tshisekedi, the leader of the opposition Union for Democracy and Social Progress and briefly prime minister until he was sacked last week, was also damaged by an explosion when a crowd tried to set it alight. The home of Tambwe Mwamba, leader of the Union of Independent Democrats, was also blown up yesterday.

The president accused Western governments of backing Mr Tshisekedi and of using the foreign press to run a campaign of hatred against him. "I represent real change. I represent the democratic process," he said.

Britain, France and Belgium were organising airlifts of their citizens out of Zaire at the weekend after advising them to leave. At least 200 Europeans arrived in Zambia on Saturday after travelling overnight in lorries from the riot-torn city of Lubumbashi. Belgian paratroopers escorted the convoy to the border. The British embassy has made arrangements for about 160 Britons to be evacuated.

French and Belgian military forces are expected to leave within a few days, and the refugees fear civil war between supporters of the government and the opposition will break out as soon as they do.

The expatriates fleeing from Lubumbashi said that the Zairean army had once again gone on the rampage after their pay failed to come through on time. The troops had, however, behaved with "a peculiar discipline" and were apparently under orders not to injure foreigners.

Diplomats agree that, once the expatriates and their military guardians are no longer in Zaire, the country, five times the size of France, will have no real hope of remaining a coherent whole. It faces the prospect of continuing turmoil among the scores of tribal groups which make up its population of 35 million population.

Poll observers rebuke Kaunda

From SAM KILEY IN LUSAKA

FOUR days before Zambians go to the polls in the first free presidential elections in 27 years, the Commonwealth group invited to monitor voting issued a strong rebuke yesterday to President Kaunda's United National Independence Party over allegations that the group was behind an "imperialist plot" to remove Dr Kaunda and install a puppet regime.

After the Commonwealth summit in neighbouring Zimbabwe — when all leaders present, including President Kaunda, agreed to commit themselves to open and accountable government — it was hoped that the Commonwealth team would be well received. But in what observers believe is an attempt to destabilise the election process, the party has repeatedly published an advertisement in the pro-government *Times of Zambia*, stating that "observer groups are in actual fact not election monitors, their assignment is to facilitate the removal of the UNIP government and replace it with a puppet one".

After asking privately that the advertisement be withdrawn over the weekend, Telford Georges, the chairman of the 13-member Commonwealth team and a former Chief Justice of Tanzania, Zimbabwe and the Bahamas, yesterday wrote to Dr Kaunda's headquarters seeking an immediate public retraction of the allegations. He said that his group, which includes Lord Tordoff, a Liberal Democrat, and Emma Nicholson, the Conservative MP, was "particularly outraged at the allegations that they are part of a plot against this country".

Observers and diplomats here believe that victory on Thursday for Fred Chiluba, head of the opposition Movement for Multi-Party Democracy, is almost certain. The ruling party's television commercials show scenes of riot, starvation and chaos in hotspots such as Ethiopia and South Africa, implying similar events would follow an opposition victory. Dr Kaunda has lent his voice to these fears.

Kaunda: likely to lose power in free elections

Skilled debater to lead Japan

From JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

KIICHI Miyazawa, who was yesterday elected president of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic party and will be sworn in as prime minister on November 5, is one of the last bureaucrats-turned-politicians still active who played a key role in the national transformation from postwar ruin to economic superpower.

The outcome of the vote was assured more than two weeks ago when the Takeshita faction, the party's largest, promised its support. Mr Miyazawa finished the race streets ahead of his opponents, Michio Watanabe, and Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, both former ministers. The two gamely battled on, although both conceded defeat several days ago, confronted with impossible odds.

Mr Miyazawa's wealth of ministerial experience — he has been minister of finance, foreign affairs and international trade and industry — and his intellect and fluency in English are expected to allow Japan to become more assertive on international issues. His relatively inexperienced predecessor, Toshiki Kaifu, was chosen as party leader in the aftermath of the Recruit bribery scandal when low-ranking but clean politicians were pushed forward to rescue the party's electoral standing.

Mr Miyazawa graduated from the law faculty of Tokyo University, long the breeding ground of Japan's political and bureaucratic elite, and joined the finance ministry before following in his father's footsteps to become a politician. He has a reputation, rare in Japanese politics, as a skilled debater, and even took on Henry Kissinger in English and survived.

But Mr Miyazawa may be less suited to the Liberal Democrat factional manipulation that has been any Japanese prime minister's chief task. His weakness in that byzantine world of power politics is that his fine intellect and linguistic abilities are often taken as arrogance; his less qualified colleagues tend to see him as an intellectual snob. In a recent interview with the foreign press, he apparently succumbed to domestic pressure when he declined to speak in English.

As for public popularity, Mr Miyazawa has a tough act to follow. Mr Kaifu fulfilled his designated role of reversing the decline in support for the scandal-ridden ruling party. From less than 35 per cent, support for the party has leapt as high as 56 per cent. Mr Kaifu has been rated Japan's most popular postwar prime minister in large part because of his image as the party's Mr Clean. Mr Miyazawa, with an unfortunate history of direct involvement in the Recruit bribery scandal, will be working hard to maintain this record level of public support.

However, having enjoyed power for 36 years and with no credible opposition threat in sight, the Liberal Democrats are unlikely to be unduly bothered by a slight drop in their poll ratings. Few expect many surprises from the conservative Mr Miyazawa, aged 72, who is aware he owes his election almost entirely to his faction colleagues. They are not expected to let him stray too far out of line.

Winning smile: Kiichi Miyazawa yesterday after he was elected president of Japan's ruling party

Blacks step up bid for power

From GAVIN BELL IN DURBAN

LEADERS of South Africa's black majority have redoubled their bid for power by effectively demanding the right to draft the country's post-apartheid constitution on their own. "We have decided to act like fingers that can act independently, but can also form a fist. We are going to give [President] de Klerk and his government a heavy knock," Cyril Ramaphosa, secretary-general of the African National Congress, said after a conference here of the "patriotic front" of black groups opposed to apartheid.

Rejecting Mr de Klerk's government as illegitimate and discredited, the groups are insisting on general elections for a constituent assembly and the creation of an interim, multiracial government to supervise the transition process. A declaration by the front — about 75 anti-apartheid organisations led by the ANC and the Pan Africanist Congress — accused Pretoria of plotting to entrench (white) minority privileges by taking veto power over majority rule.

The front said it was imperative that the new constitution be drawn up by an assembly elected by universal suffrage and that an interim government should control the security forces and the electoral process and be in charge of the state-controlled media (television and radio) to prevent the ruling National party from manipulating the transition to democracy.

Walter Sisulu, the ANC deputy president, said the three-day conference had signalled the defeat of Pretoria's tactics of divide and rule. "It has given birth to a powerful alliance capable of ensuring a speedy transfer of power to the people ... it is with the backing of this force that we will be facing the enemy in the negotiations."

● **Cape Town:** South African police are investigating reports that two right-wing activists due to stand trial for murder after bomb attacks last year have fled to Britain. Colonel Frank Alton said yesterday that reports that Henry Martin, who is British, and Adriaan Maritz had fled were speculative, but could not be dismissed. *(Reuter)*

Filipinos killed as typhoon strikes

Manila — Typhoon Ruth hit the northern Philippines yesterday, killing four people and triggering landslides which closed two main mountain roads, officials said.

The typhoon, with winds gusting up to 125mph, blew away the roofs of several houses and brought down power lines, casting Baguio, a mountain resort city of 280,000 people, into darkness. The dead included a woman and two children who were crushed when an uprooted tree smashed into their house in Baguio, 125 miles north of Manila, police said. Another woman was killed by a falling tree in a town plaza in Vigan.

Typhoon Ruth changed course and pounded Cagayan valley, Baguio and nearby provinces on the most populous island of Luzon. Authorities alerted towns around the volcanic Mount Pinatubo against possible mudflows.

● **The Hague:** The Dutch government suspects Philippine communist guerrillas are using The Netherlands as a base to prepare attacks on American targets in Europe and the Philippines, the interior ministry said. The New People's Army, fighting for a marxist state, has killed ten Americans since 1987 in a campaign to oust US forces from the Philippines. *(Reuter)*

Dissident flees

Nairobi — Raila Odinga, the prominent Kenyan dissident detained three times without trial, has fled to Uganda, but has been refused political asylum there, the Kenyan government says. He is the son of Oginga Odinga, Kenya's former vice-president, and a strong critic of the one-party system. *(Reuter)*

Niger high flier

Niamey — Niger's national conference on political reform chose Cheissou Amadou, aged 48, as prime minister as the West African nation moves towards multiparty democracy. Mr Amadou, regional representative of the United Nations International Civil Aviation Organisation, defeated 15 rivals. *(Reuter)*

Umbrellas close

Tokyo — Christo, an off-beat artist, has closed his outdoor exhibit of huge umbrellas near Los Angeles after a young woman was killed when she was knocked down by a flying umbrella, an aide said here. A companion display near Tokyo, of 20ft umbrellas each weighing 440lb, was also closed. *(Reuter)*

Barry enters jail

Petersburg, Virginia — Marion Barry, aged 55, Washington's flamboyant former mayor, has gone into a minimum-security prison without walls here to serve the six-month sentence he was given for possession of cocaine. Before leaving the capital he told supporters: "Jail's not the worst place to go." *(Reuter)*

Tea-cup storm

Tokyo — Women in Japan's offices have had enough of making tea for male colleagues. A conference on the subject ended with a declaration that women would put an end to the tradition within five years. *(AFP)*

Peking cites Soviet 'terror' to whip party members into line

From CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

PEKING has accused President Gorbachev in two secret party documents of conducting a witch-hunt against communists. At the same time it has implicitly warned members of the Chinese Communist party that similar witch-hunts await them if they abandon socialism.

The documents, now being circulated among party members, reveal a deep concern in the hardline leadership that many Chinese say is echoed in the party's middle and lower ranks. The papers appear to be a blunt attempt to retain the loyalty of the country's 50 million party members by appealing to their vested interests.

One document claims that Mr Gorbachev and Boris Yeltsin, the Russian Federation president, have joined forces to carry out a "great purge" and a "white terror" — that is, a capitalist-style attack on communism, as opposed to a "red terror" in which communism attacks capitalism. The document focuses on the recent changes in the Soviet Union and details the arrest of the hardline coup plotters as evidence of the witch-hunt.

The second document, analysing changes in Eastern Europe, makes equally alarming reading for Chinese party members, many of whom wonder what the future holds for them in the wake of the collapse of the world communist system. "The reactionary forces are getting more and more arrogant and party members are undergoing all kinds of discrimination and persecution. The landlords and capitalists are beginning to settle accounts and take revenge," the second paper says.

In a tone of outrage, it describes how Erich Honecker, the former East German leader, was pursued and at one point reduced to living in a hostel; a former Polish party official was forced to sell his family property and find temporary jobs to survive. Throughout Eastern Europe, party officials and military officers had been dismissed.

In private some Chinese party members say that, since the fall of the Soviet Communist party, a "crisis mentality" has pervaded their ranks.

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Silent minority fights family law

Lawyers involved in the potentially extremely lucrative lawsuits against the pop group, Milli Vanilli, have been accused of not acting on behalf of ordinary fans but mainly lawyers' children. An exposé in *The Wall Street Journal* alleges that out of the 49 fans named in the suits at least 41 involved children or others close to the lawyers and their families.

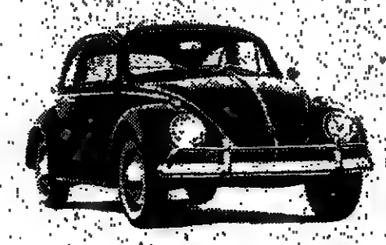
When Milli Vanilli faded from the headlines last year, the world may have thought it had heard the last from the pop duo who were exposed for faking their records, using the voices of other singers. But now they are back defending themselves against multimillion-dollar law suits on behalf of their "victims". American teenagers who claim to have been devastated by the revelation that their German-based idols had taken them for a ride. The 26 suits filed in at least seven states are another glowing example of the fine way in which American law protects the innocent from exploitation at the hands of the unscrupulous. That, at least, is how the teenagers' lawyers are explaining their suits. It is also being claimed that Rob and Fab, the two allegedly pseudo-singers and their company, Aristo Records, were part of an enterprise which broke federal "racketeering" laws that cover organised crime.

At stake, of course, are the juicy winnings which lawyers can reap in the form of "contingency fees", usually between 20 and 30 per cent of damage awards. The newspaper found that the lawyers, who stand to make hundreds of thousands of dollars each, had used their own children or contacted friends with the idea of bringing suits.

Unusual queues have been forming outside police stations in San Francisco and St Louis for the past week. They include a motley sample of citizens, from sharpshooters, and violent criminals to grandmothers and schoolboys, all with one thing in common: they are carrying guns they want to get rid of.

In a scheme which has produced overwhelming results, police in those cities are offering between $25 (£14.50) and $50 for every firearm handed in, no questions asked. The lure of cash has been enough to bring in thousands of weapons, from ancient service revolvers to .44 Magnums and sawn-off shotguns. Some have been used for murder. In St Louis, they restricted the pay-out after one man brought in 100 firearms and claimed the standard $50 and $10 grocery coupon for each. "This thing has gotten away from us. I never expected 5,000 guns in the first week," said Ron Henges, a St Louis businessman who helped sponsor the cash-for-guns programme.

The schemes, which are now being copied by other cities, are a sign of police frustration over the record rates of murder and violent crime now afflicting America. Gun amnesties without the financial incentive have not been successful. In St Louis, the money is coming in part from funds confiscated from drug dealers and the weapons are being melted down to make a statue to a nine-year-old boy who was used as a human shield in a recent shoot-out. But the powerful pro-gun lobby is ridiculing the schemes as a waste of time and money. "It's a joke," said Jim Siegle, a California gun-shop owner. "I'm sure they're getting junk guns that aren't working and are worth nothing."



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THEATRE

Prima ballerina walks the boards

Natalia Makarova is back in the West End, this time as an actress, says Debra Craine

Other dancers have made the leap from Terpsichorean to Thespian, yet none has enjoyed the kind of success Natalia Makarova achieved in her first stage outing: seven Best Actress awards, including a Tony and an Olivier. But the play was a musical, *On Your Toes*, and the role, which featured a lot of dancing, was a Russian ballerina — the part could have been made for her. It was more of a delicate dip into a warm pool than a dive into the unknown.

Now comes the real test: starring in a new production of *Tovarich*, Jacques Deval's 1933 comedy about émigré White Russians living in Paris. Makarova plays the Grand Duchess Tatiana who, along with her similarly impoverished aristocrat husband (played by Robert Powell), is forced to become a servant in a bourgeois household. This time, aside from a brief mazurka with a glass of champagne, Makarova does not dance. The play, a Chichester production which transfers to the West End tomorrow, marks her debut as a straight actress and, she hopes, the beginning of a new career walking the boards.

Makarova has put away her dancing slippers after a 30-year career as one of the world's great prima ballerinas. In 1970 she fled from the Kirov Ballet during a visit to London and quickly established herself in the West as the leading ballerina of the decade. Audiences thrilled to her exquisite physical fluency, her sensitive musical phrasing and exceptional ability as a dance actress. But in 1989, her powers seemingly undiminished, she made her final appearance as a classical dancer, reunited with the Kirov in her home town of St Petersburg. As she is fond of saying, the circle was complete. "A sense of timing is very important in life, knowing when to choose what to do," she says. "The timing was right to stop then, at my peak."

Apparently, the time is right now to start a new career. Makarova has been planning to become an actress for years. She had been working on Shaw's *Misalliance* and Ibsen's *When We Dead Awaken* with John Dexter, before the director's death last year. Earlier this year, she was to have starred in Tommy Tune's Broadway production of *Grand Hotel* in the West End; when that did not work out Patrick Garland offered her *Tovarich* at Chichester.

"I'm glad *Grand Hotel* didn't happen. *Tovarich* is a much bigger role, much more interesting. It's a straight play in four acts and it gives me great experience for my first speaking role, much more experience than *Grand Hotel*."

Certainly *Tovarich* is an ideal vehicle for Makarova: the character of a Russian grande dame is not far off her own, and the play's mix of comedy and tragedy suits her temperament. "In ballets I was dramatic and I see myself as dramatic. I like this role because there is some material in it to project touching moments so that drama and comedy are combined. I don't want people to think of me only as a comedienne — my basic nature is dramatic after all. It's nice to make people laugh, but it's even nicer to make people cry."

Makarova herself is a study in opposites. Only five feet tall and weighing 6st 6, she is none the less an imposing figure, a theatrical persona who dominates a room with her exotic beauty and the sheer force of her concentrated physical superiority.

Fuelled by cigarettes, red wine and vitamin pills, she is also an obsessively hard worker who drives herself to conquer all physical weakness. In 1982 a steel scenery rod came crashing down on her during a performance of *On Your Toes* at the Kennedy Center in Washington. It broke her shoulder blade lengthwise and left a large laceration on her head. Yet three months later she opened *On Your Toes* on Broadway.

For *Tovarich*, she spends much of the day getting ready for the evening's performance. Although she no longer dances, she continues to exercise as if she does, partly in an effort to overcome the accident's legacy of arthritis. The current challenge for Makarova is learning how to convey a character through words, rather than through dance, something which also requires hours of daily training.

"To get fluency and phrasing needs hard work," she says. "I'm still working on articulation, on deepening my voice level, projection of voice and fluency of speech. I do special vocal exercises every day which I combine with my ballet exercises, the kind of exercises they give students in acting college. The face, the lips, you have to exercise even the tongue."

Where she has the edge on other actors is in her ability to move on stage. "Dance has certainly helped me. I have acted all my life in ballet, I have interpreted characters and created them through body language, not language itself. If I create a character now it's not only by my voice but by my whole being. The special way a character will walk or turn her head, that's for other actresses difficult. But it's my privilege to have that freedom of movement on stage."

Still the voice is the primary means of expression for an actor and Makarova is well aware that her heavy Russian accent and lingering difficulty with the English language present a limitation which has to be overcome if she is to succeed on the stage. "I don't need drama school — I need to study English. It's easier if I can create roles of women who are supposed to have foreign accents." Consequently she is thinking about Pirandello's *As You Desire Me*, and Chekhov would be a logical next step. Her next project, though, could only be done in Russia — Blanche Dubois in *A Streetcar Named Desire*.

What does she miss most about ballet? "The music. That's why ballet is easier in a way; the music drives you, it dictates the mood and the speed. In theatre, you have to have your own music inside. Now, with *Tovarich*, I put on a tape recorder and listen to Mozart on the day of a performance to put me in the right mood. I still use music as inspiration. For Chekhov I would use Chopin. For *Steetcar*? Well I'm not into that one yet."

● Tovarich *opens at the Piccadilly Theatre (071-867 1118) tomorrow.*

NIGEL PARRY

Makarova moves from body language: 'It's nice to make people laugh, but it's even nicer to make people cry'

BRIEFING

Stars of the East

THE experiment of getting a Japanese director to direct a British cast in a modern Japanese play did not end with Saturday's closure of Kunio Shimizu's *Tango at the End of Winter* at the Piccadilly Theatre. Yukio Ninagawa is to direct Ibsen's *Peer Gynt* in London with a mixed European and Japanese cast, led by Alan Rickman, who starred in *Tango*. Thelma Holt is to co-produce again with Tadeo Nakane, and the production will probably open in 1993. Meanwhile, the entire *Tango* production, complete with British cast, will be taken to Japan for six weeks next spring.

Director's hit?

AFTER saving the world in *Terminator 2*, Arnold Schwarzenegger is ready for his greatest challenge: directing a film. *Christmas In Connecticut*, however, should give him little opportunity for fisticuffs: the film is a remake of a fluffy 1945 comedy, which featured Barbara Stanwyck as a spinster magazine columnist forced to give a national hero a rousing family Christmas. Dyan Cannon will take on the Stanwyck role.

Rich praise

BRIAN Friel's Olivier award-winning play, *Dancing at Lughnasa*, looks set to repeat its London success in New York. The play won near unanimous raves for its Broadway debut last Thursday. Frank Rich, critic for the *New York Times*, praised the play's "overwhelming power" and "extraordinary company" of actors, and the production looks set to build on its hefty pre-opening advance sale of more than $1 million (£590,000). In London, meanwhile, the West End production is expected to close before the end of the year.

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WITH little in the way of looks or image to help them, Level 42 have depended on the old-fashioned virtues of musicianship and hard work to guide their techno-pop-funk fusion to the top. Although *Guaranteed*, their latest album, was a disappointment and "Overtime", the new single, has flopped, the live show remains a polished, upbeat affair that draws freely on the group's distinguished back catalogue. Their British tour ends with dates at Guildhall, Portsmouth (0705 824355) tomorrow; Brighton Centre (0273 202881) on Wednesday.

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FILM FESTIVAL: PORDENONE

Cause for mute admiration

Geoff Brown enjoys a feast of silent classics in a small Italian town

Pordenone, in northern Italy, may have lost its Michelin listing, but the town grows from strength to strength as a Mecca for film enthusiasts. This year 600 scholars, critics and collectors, from America to Japan, swooped down for the tenth edition of its marvellous silent film festival. At the Giornate del Cinema Muto, the celluloid rolls from nine in the morning to — eyelids willing — 1am. Every item is accompanied, by orchestra, organ or, mostly, piano.

This year's topic was "The DeMille Legacy", a wide-ranging survey of one of cinema's boldest figures. More than any other, Cecil B. DeMille established the public image of the Hollywood director, striding about in riding-boots, cracking the whip over actors and technicians. By the 1920s he had become a consummate entertainer, serving the public a patented mix of Jazz Age spectacle and Old Testament sermon. He was also, at the beginning, a highly intelligent film-maker.

Pordenone opened up a dazzling treasure chest. There were rigorous melodramas of back-street despair; sly social comedies such as *Why Change Your Wife*, with Gloria Swanson. Dustin Farnum brandished his chest in *The Squaw Man* (1913), DeMille's first venture and the first feature made in Hollywood. Mary Pickford faced the Hun in *The Little American* (1917); Phyllis Haver, a former Mack Sennett Bathing Beauty, romped through *Chicago* (1927), a delicious version of the Roxie Hart yarn.

Visually, DeMille's early films show marked sophistication. Chiaroscuro lighting lends a special tension and lustre; the decor is shaped to the camera's needs, not paraded like a stage set. Yet, dramatically, DeMille remained a 19th century man, beloved of domestic tears, train wrecks and self-sacrifice.

Light touch: Lois Wilson and Conrad Nagel in William deMille's hectic 1921 melodrama, *Midsummer Madness*

In film upon film, some innocent girl takes the blame for the sins of her "betters": for hiding her mistress's lover in *The Heart of Nora Flynn* (1916), Nora almost loses both job and boyfriend. Cue for exasperated sighs from the modern audience.

This clash of moral expectations makes every DeMille melodrama fascinating; while his social comedies coast along on extravagant costumes, witty intertitles and droll playing. But once DeMille becomes serious, his films turn to stone. *The King of Kings* (1927) proved almost unwatchable: primitively shot, weighed down by bogus piety. By this point, the great director had disappeared. DeMille was now the great showman, though *The Godless Girl* (1929) — his last silent film — showed the old skills surging through.

Cecil was not the only DeMille at Pordenone: seven films by William, his elder brother, were also on view. The two looked alike: the same sharp nose and piercing eyes. There are shared themes, particularly a longing for the sparkle of romance. Yet the tone is different. Cecil, one guesses, could never have managed *Miss Lulu Bett* (1921), a sweet comedy about the liberation of a family drudge, or the droll touches of *Conrad In Quest of His Youth* (1920), with Thomas Meighan as a returning soldier trying to turn back the clock.

Even when William ventures into melodrama, as in *Midsummer Madness* (1921), a hectic drama of friendship and infidelity, his touch remains light. Long overshadowed by his brother, William deMille (he preferred not to capitalise his surname) deserves a place in the sun.

Not every rediscovery pays off. The silent comedian Lloyd Hamilton, a large, lumbering man with a wobbly walk, found few new fans. A hard core stayed for these two-reel knockabouts, but a lack of variety and personality sent most seats tipping upwards.

Relatively few stayed, too, for tributes to Belgian avant-garde film-makers. Here, they missed something: Charles Dekeukelaire, an extraordinary talent who ended his days in television documentary, but began in the 1920s as a fervent experimentalist. In *Impatience* (1929), rhythmic editing constantly juggles four groups of images for some 30 minutes. There is a motorcycle, a woman (sometimes naked), mountain scenery, three rectangular blocks. The woman would seem to be driving the bike, but little else makes narrative sense: you must succumb to these mad, jittery images, or succumb to impatience and leave.

As David Gill neatly expressed it, introducing the Thames Silents print of Frank Capra's *The Strong Man* on the last night, we leave Pordenone with mixed emotions: exhausted from seeing so many films and exhilarated because so many are good. But we are also ashamed, because we could never mount such a wonderful event at home.

CLASSICAL MUSIC: ALDEBURGH

New key to a 20th century composer

Artistically and politically this has been the Year of Russia and it is appropriate that Aldeburgh's autumn festival, which ends today, should provide one of the most exciting contributions. The little Suffolk resort has promoted contemporary Russian music for more than 30 years, ever since the meeting of Britten, Shostakovich and Rostropovich at a Festival Hall concert.

The festival organisation's continuing support for the independent spirits of the Soviet Union has led to a coup: the acquisition as artists-in-residence of the Borodin Quartet, champion interpreters of Shostakovich and one of the half-dozen great string quartets of today. The quartet's participation in the current Britten-Shostakovich festival has turned it into a leading artistic event.

Now that perestroika has freed Shostakovich's music from the political dimension of its creation, how much of the change from the provocative idealist of the 1920s and early 1930s into the pessimistic classicist of the 1940s and 1950s was due to the strain of his being both his country's greatest living composer and its most disgraced one?

The Borodins seem to have developed a new, objective approach, which suggests that the classicist was always going to be the dominant partner. Their performance of the Ninth String Quartet, in particular, balanced the tortured darkness of the adagios and an overall sense of confident repose, yet they lost none of the fierceness and excitement of their earlier readings. The Piano Quintet, Op 57, with Ludmila Berlinsky, the cellist's daughter, at the piano, was magnificently Schubertian — the classical form exemplified.

Shostakovich's Symphony No 14, performed by the Cambridge Symphony Orchestra Soloists under Nicholas Cleobury, confirmed the revisionist shift by its emphasis on the Mahlerian elements of this song cycle of meditations on death, though this may have been helped by the inspired intensity of soprano Vivian Tierney.

That these performances were the highlights of a festival that included Elisabeth Söderström singing the *Seven Blok Romances* and flamboyant playing of Britten and Shostakovich cello sonatas by Alexander Baillie, is evidence of its significance in the reshaping of our view of 20th century music.

JOHN WHITLEY

TELEVISION REVIEW

Too many red herrings and redheads

There is a tall man named Bill Anderson; of this I am sure. Amid the bewildering array of no-good Dundee Freemasons, murderers, nightclub owners, property developers and generally shifty conspirators inhabiting last night's first episode of Jute City (BBC1), Bill Anderson (Clive Russell) was rather a blessing, because his identity was clearly marked out from the start.

All around him, it seemed, were indistinguishable rat-faced Scottish teenagers with cropped orange hair, chalk-white complexions, and noses as sharp as a pen. But you could not mistake Anderson. With his hair combed back in a 1950s pompadour, his threatening manner, his sex-slave Filipino wife, and his habit of wearing leather gloves indoors, he had "tall dangerous Scottish gangster person" written all over him.

Yet he was not without surprises. For example, the telltale bulge in his coat pocket gave notice not of a revolver or a blackjack but of a pepper pot. Which was certainly novel. Anderson wielded this weapon-cum-cruet with a sadistic killer-flick, spraying a ribbon of pepper into his victim's eyes with the speed of a darting cobra. Just think, this could be the start of a whole new genre of martial art movie: the man with the golden pepperpot; have cruet set, will travel.

Director Stuart Orme contrived some pacy action scenes in this first episode. The shocking murder sequence, for example — in which an MP and a woman Friends of the Earth activist were dragged from their car by men in Laurel and Hardy masks, and shot in broad daylight on a lonely coastal road. Yet plot-wise, *Jute City* is somehow unpromising. Since most of its characters are as hard, scratchy and anonymous as jute itself, it is difficult to care about who is killing whom. Only John Sessions as a shambling private detective is pleasantly interesting; his client, the grim-faced Duncan Kerr (David O'Hara) is a sullen enigma in a London suit. Kerr wants to investigate his dead brother's business dealings, but his motive is obscure. Does he want justice? Or just a share of the loot?

This is a classy production, with a perfectly judged soundtrack from David A. Stewart (Dave Stewart of *The Eurythmics*), and lots of doomy lowering exterior shots of a cold, colourless city. Visually it is rather fine (aerial views of a train on the Tay Bridge winding across the choppy grey water), but on the other hand it is exceptionally stingy with its narrative clues. How are we supposed to keep up? Were we expected to recognise Ullapool just from seeing its shops? Evidence is imparted subliminally: we see snatches of television news, catch a millisecond's glimpse of some incriminating paying-in slips. An Eastern bloc sailor declares to a shopkeeper that he is not Russian, and it is left to us to work out that he is Romanian.

Jute City is doubtless best suited to phlegmatic personalities, people, who can sit back and think, "Oh well, it will all become clear in the passage of time". Anyone saying, "Who was that? Where the hell is *this* supposed to be? Why have they all got red hair, I can't tell them apart", is best advised to record *Jute City* and watch it slowly, afterwards, frame by frame.

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ADVERTISING

M. T. Rainey, chief executive officer and managing director, *Chiat/Day advertising*. University of Glasgow degree in psychology. Worked at IPC Magazines, Gold Greenless Trott Advertising. Age 36, single, no children.

ARCHITECTURE

Eva Jiricna has her own company and employs 14 architects. Known for her work on the Joseph fashion shops. Qualified in Czechoslovakia in 1968. Age 52, divorced, no children.

ARTS ADMINISTRATION

Baroness Detta O'Cathain, managing director, Barbican Centre, London. Graduate of University College, Dublin. Worked at Milk Marketing Board, Aer Lingus and Leyland. Age 53, married, no children.

BANKING

Jane Bradford, head of small business at National Westminister Bank since May. Joined bank in 1964 from school. Age 45, married, no children.

CIVIL SERVICE

Ann Bowtell, deputy permanent secretary, Department of Health. Graduate of Girton College, Cambridge. Worked at National Assistance Board, social security department. Age 54, married, four children.

Rosemary Spencer, assistant under-secretary of state, Foreign Office. Joined FO in 1962. Postings in Nairobi, Lagos and Paris. Age 50, single, no children.

Rachel Lomax, deputy chief economic adviser to the Treasury since October last year. Cheltenham Ladies' College; Girton, Cambridge; and London School of Economics. From 1970-78, while her children were small, worked part-time Age 45, divorced, two children

EDUCATION

Baroness Blackstone, master of Birkbeck College, at the University of London, since 1987. Head opposition spokesman on education in the Lords. BScSoc, PhD from London School of Economics. Worked at LSE, Cabinet Office and ILEA. Age 49, divorced, two children.

Margaret Maden, chief education officer, Warwickshire county council, since 1989. Leeds University, University of London. Former teacher and lecturer. Age 52, single.

ENTREPRENEUR

Anita Roddick, founder and managing director of The Body Shop. Teacher training college, Bath College of Education. Founded Body Shop 1976. Age 49, married, two children.

FASHION

Jean Muir, designer, director and owner of Jean Muir Ltd since 1967. Sells in Britain, Germany, Australia, Hong Kong and America. Age 57, married, no children.

INDUSTRY

Kathleen O'Donovan, finance director of BTR plc, a British industrial conglomerate. First woman finance director in *The Times* top 200 companies. University College, London, economics degree. Joined Ernst & Young as a trainee. Age 35, single, no children.

LAW

Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice of Appeal since 1988. Called to bar 1955. Tory candidate, Lambeth, Vauxhall 1959. Former judge in High Court Family Division. Chaired Cleveland child abuse enquiry. Age 59, married three children.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Councillor Lady Anson, chairman of the Association of District Councils. Qualified as a barrister in 1974. Married, four children.

LORDS

Baroness Ewart-Biggs. Worked at the Savoy, advising on decor and upkeep. Widow, three children.

Baroness Seear, deputy leader, Social and Liberal Democrats, House of Lords, since 1988; formerly Liberal leader. Age 78, single.

Baroness Trumpington, minister of state, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, since 1989; formerly parliamentary under-secretary of state at MAFF. Widow, one child.

MEDIA

Patsy Chapman, editor *News of The* World. Former tea girl on *Health and Efficiency* magazine. Became a feature writer and sub-editor. In her "early forties", married, one child.

Liz Forgan, director of programmes at Channel 4 since 1988. Responsible for scheduling and editorial strategy. St Hugh's College, Oxford. Worked on *Tehran Journal*, *Hampstead and Highgate Express*, *The Guardian*. Age 48, single, no children.

MEDICINE

Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, president of the Royal College of Physicians since 1989. Graduate Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford, Consultant physician, Brompton hospital, since 1965. Age 66, two children.

PARLIAMENT

Margaret Beckett, shadow chief secretary to the Treasury. Student apprentice in metallurgy at AEI Manchester, then Manchester College of Science and Technology. MP for Derby South since 1983. Age 48, married, no children.

Gillian Shephard, minister of state at the Treasury. Former secretary to backbench committee on health and social services. Scholarship to St Hilda's College, Oxford. Teacher, then in education administration. Age 51, married with two stepsons.

POLICE

Elizabeth Neville, assistant chief constable, Sussex Police, since last month. Graduate, St Hilda's College, Oxford. Joined Metropolitan Police 1973. Age 38, divorced, two children.

POLITICS (POLICY)

Patricia Hewitt, deputy director of Institute for Public Policy Research since 1989. Adviser to Neil Kinnock's office on policy development. Graduate of Newnham College, Cambridge. Worked for Age Concern, National Council for Civil Liberties. Age 42, married, two children.

Sarah Hogg, head of Policy Unit at 10 Downing Street since 1990, advising the prime minister. Worked at *The Economist*, *The Times*, *The Independent*, *The Daily Telegraph*. Age 45, married, two children.

PUBLISHING

Gail Rebuck, chairman of Random House. Educated at the Lycee Francais and Sussex University. Founding partner of Century books in 1981. Age 39, married, two children.

RELIGION

Sheila Cameron, vicar-general of the province of Canterbury since 1985. Presides at ancient ceremony confirming the election of bishops. Graduate of St Hugh's College, Oxford. Called to bar 1957, QC 1983. Age 57, married, two children.

SCIENCE

Dr Anne McLaren, a director of the Medical Research Council and soon to become foreign secretary of the Royal Society. Trained as zoologist. Age 64, divorced, three children.

STOCKBROKING

Danielle Kadeyan, French director of European equity sale and research at Credit Lyonnais. Law degree in Paris then MBa Aston, Birmingham. Was with Salomon, investment bankers, and Phillips and Drew, stockbrokers. Age 29, single, no children.

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- ☐ A bigger say in the health service
- ☐ A greater choice in childbirth
- ☐ More money for research into breast cancer and other areas of women's health

Recognition for women who work at home

- ☐ Tax allowances for women looking after children or elderly relatives at home

Tax relief for low income families

- ☐ To enable them to to get off income support and go back to work with benefits to cover childcare, and more adequate support systems for homeless women

Do British women want a women's charter? Does the government think they need one?

Yesterday a Downing Street spokesman said that the prime minister will not be announcing a women's charter today during his speech to launch Opportunity 2000, an industry-led initiative to encourage more job opportunities for women. But, the spokesman added, if Angela Rumbold, the home office minister with special responsibility for women, felt that a charter was necessary, the prime minister would listen.

Perhaps Downing Street should have listened in at the meeting of the Academic Women's Achievement Group last week at which Mrs Rumbold said: " I'm inclined to think that a woman's charter would be helpful to quite a large part of the population."

But not all women agree with Mrs Rumbold. Ann Baldwin, an executive partner of the accountants Grant Thornton and one of 30 women already at the top of their professions (shown above), says: "I don't want to see anything in a charter for women because I don't want to see discrimination."

But while one third of the 30 women listed here said that they were against positive discrimination for women, most were for positive action on behalf women. And like the representatives of women's organisations nationwide, they put childcare at the top of their list of priorities. The views of both groups of women are reflected in the "women's charter" shown.

Rosalind Preston, the president of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, says "Women's issues are related to their families, their health, their work, the transport they use — so to isolate them is a cop-out.

"Top of the list without question would be childcare facilities. What women need is some sort of tax benefit or vouchers to allow them to make their own necessary and flexible arrangements."

The women of the Academic Women's Achievement Group also put childcare top of their list. Their second priority was for flexible working patterns and pro-rated rights, benefits and promotion prospects for part-timers.

"We have to develop in the employer's consciousness that there are going to be times in women's lives when they want flexibility, want to job share, or work part time," Mrs. Rumbold agreed. "Career break" years, she suggested, could be combined with training courses, which employers could subsidise.

Joanna Foster, chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission, sent an open letter to Mr Major last weekin which she outlined what the EOC would like to see. Top of her list is more women at the top — and in order to achieve that she suggests "consider advertising appointments to public bodies. After all, a public appointment is only a high level part time job."

Second on her "equality agenda" is maternity benefits and childcare provision "paid for in a three-way split between government — central and local — employers and parents".

"A fair deal for part timers" — 83 per cent of whom are women — is next on the list. The EOC is disappointed that only this month they lost a judicial review of the statutary rights of part-time workers.

Finally, she calls for more effective, and more easily enforceable, equality legislation, noting that, "in our view equality of opportunity is not just a matter for women: it means a fair deal for women and men . . ."

The Labour party has also put out a statement welcoming the Opportunity 2000 initiative. Labour's long-proposed "charter for working women" promises to "free women from the obstacles of discrimination . . . stamp out sexual harassment and the unfairness of the old boy network . . . offer women proper access to education and training" and comes down in favour of "dependants, leave, flexible working arrangements and full-time rights for part-timers and job sharers."

Rosemary Spencer, assistant under secretary of state at the Foreign Office says the reason there are not more women at her level is because "until 1972 any woman who got married automatically had to resign which was pretty Draconian".

A spokesman for John Major says that the prime minister has said he will take the opportunity at Opportunity 2000 to set out an initiative dealing with the Civil Service, aimed at improving the proportion.

Sue Slipman, the director of the National Council of One Parent Families says: "I think the most realistic move would be tax relief on childcare — and also something on the benefit side so that low income families would be able to get off income support and go back to work by having benefits to cover childcare.

"Also opening up decent vocational training for women."

The National Federation of Women's Institutes wishes that "the Government would have open minds and listen when we speak, because the two areas in which we have to make our voice heard — parliament and the media — are very male dominated," says Philippa Tristram, the head of communications for the WI. "We are very aware of the plight of many carers, a lot of women in the 30-50 age bracket are having their lives severely curtailed. We hope that the government will consider adult education as a separate issue from eduction and training for 16-19 year olds because almost eight in 10 participants are women."

The National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, representing 100,000 members around the country, puts "affordable pre-school childcare facilities" at the top of its list according to its national secretary Rosie Styles.

"Homeworkers get a raw deal and 99 per cent are women," says Miss Styles. "And women's health is vital, because I think we have a gut raction that if men suffered from breast cancer there would be more money for research."

Jane Grant, the director of the National Alliance of Women's Organisations, which represents over 206 bodies from the 300 Group to the YWCA, has produced NAWO's "agenda for women" which she hopes the Prime Minister might follow.

It is a ten point plan proposing financial equality in jobs, pay, pensions and benefits and a nationally-funded system of childcare and improved access to training and education, among others.

She feels strongly that "women should be given a greater voice in the health service — and a greater choice in childbirth. Just look at the closure of small maternity units."

Tess Woodcraft, the director of the Kids Clubs Network — which provides out of school care for between 1,200 and 1,300 school-aged children through a network of 400 clubs in community centres and church halls — says, "We would like to see a Kids Club in every neighbourhood, as a safe local play centre for children. In a women's charter there should be provision for that, and a special fund set up so that schools can apply to get the money to enable them to open up."

Evelyn Knowles, the chair of the national executive of the 300 Group, whose aims are to get more women into Parliament, says. "Good childcare is essential. The Government should put more resources into funding nursery schools and offering incentives for employers to provide childcare — not necessarily on the premises, but a subsidy.

"I'd also like to see more security for women returning to work after a career break. "

Lady Lothian, patron of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and founder of the Women of the Year lunch which takes place today, calls for "a total reform and review of social benefits for women who work at home — in recognition of the way they relieve the taxpayer of expensive supportive measures". And Mrs Preston of the National Council of Women of Great Britain, which has 100 affiliates, draws attention to homeless women. "Homeless women need more safe places. There are totally inadequate support systems for them."

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The red box delusion

Peter Riddell argues that years of power have made Tory ministers too confident

RIDDELL ON MONDAY

Ministerialitis — an illness of ministers in office for many years. Its symptoms are an exaggerated liking for red boxes, government cars and other trappings of office; and, in its extreme form, a belief that you can never lose your job. It is more traditionally known as hubris, which can lead to nemesis.

Several ministers are showing severe symptoms at present. They have held office for a very long time. Life outside Whitehall is as strange to them as it is to any permanent secretary. Nine members of the cabinet have been in the government in some capacity without a break since 1979, and a further six have since 1981. John Major is a comparative newcomer in having become a junior whip in January 1983.

Such continuous service by so many senior ministers is virtually unprecedented. When the coalition government finally collapsed in October 1922, Lloyd George was the sole senior survivor, with an unbroken period in office since December 1905. Attlee and Morrison were the only top Labour politicians to serve from the start of the wartime coalition in May 1940 until the defeat of Labour in October 1951, with only the two-month gap of the 1945 caretaker government (Bevin having already died and Cripps having stepped down because of ill health). And both Attlee and Morrison were exhausted by the end.

The closest parallel is the Home administration in 1963-64 at the end of 13 Tory years; the prime minister was among six survivors in the cabinet, also including Edward Heath and R.A. Butler, of those who had followed Winston Churchill into office in 1951. But that is hardly a happy example, since the Tories then showed a loss of political touch and lost the election.

It is hardly surprising that many members of the present government are prone to *ministerialitis*. In conversations over the past few weeks I have been struck by how many ministers do not, even in private, contemplate the possibility of defeat. To them, another Tory victory is inevitable. This is not just self-confidence: it reflects a powerful belief.

The argument commonly runs along these lines: "I know we are on the defensive on health and unemployment, and the polls are not looking too good now. But economic confidence should have picked up by the spring and, faced with a choice of John or Neil as prime minister, the electorate is bound to back us. So we should get back with a majority of 25 to 30."

That may be how events turn out. But it is far from certain, and is made less certain by the behaviour of ministers. There is a tendency to confuse what should happen with what might, or will, happen.

This is not just because many ministers have been in office for a long time: many have also never experienced opposition. Mr Major and Chris Patten, the party chairman, are among seven cabinet members who were not even in the Commons when Labour was last in office. Quite a few ministers and Tory MPs who first entered Parliament in 1979 or later behave as if Britain has a one-party government, as Japan effectively has, forgetting that they themselves may one day be in opposition.

Some ministers have stopped thinking as politicians. They dismiss criticism as uninformed or biased; the government has already examined all possible options. Labour policies are brushed aside because they involve vague promises without a precise estimate of spending involved. That is a reasonable objection to, say, Labour's health proposals, whose cost is left dangling in the air. But, unfair though it appears to ministers, voters may — and overwhelmingly do — prefer Robin Cook's approach to William Waldegrave's.

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The events of the past few weeks should in themselves be sufficient warning against Tory complacency. The tabloid euphoria of mid-September about an early election is a distant fantasy. Yesterday's Mori poll confirmed other recent evidence that Labour has emerged from the intensive mini-campaign of September and the party conference season with a clear lead, though its gains have mainly been at the expense of the Liberal Democrats. Mr Major may be liked by voters, but that has not been enough to overcome their worries about the future of the health service.

Business confidence may be improving, suggesting a turning point in Britain, but there are growing worries over the absence of a sustained recovery in America and a slowdown in Germany. Sterling is already the second weakest currency in the European monetary system, so it is far from certain that the next move in interest rates will be downwards. The increases in public spending to be announced next month are unlikely to reassure the markets. The approach to the Maastricht European summit will also be sticky, while the Tories face the probable loss of two seats in by-elections on November 7.

The Tories may face another round of jitteriness in the parliamentary party such as occurred last spring. That, at least, might jolt some members of the government out of their certainty that, whatever their present difficulties, they will win next year. *Ministerialitis* is curable, if caught in time. But the government has to show it is not taking voters for granted. The alternative is the shock treatment of a spell in opposition.

The Democrat who scares the White House is poised to run for president, says Peter Stothard

Bush's bogeyman

In a museum opposite the New York State House a flamboyant oil portrait shows a politician of ancient Rome in the wreckage of a once great city. *Marius in the Ruins of Carthage* is a renowned work by the 19th-century American master, John Vanderlyn. But it is not a popular picture in the urban ruins where the modern Marius, Mario Cuomo, rules.

"We don't keep it on permanent display," said a nervous official who wanted to remain anonymous. "We would be too tempted to paste Cuomo's head on top of that toga and send it to him in a black box." A colleague laughed. "The governor for president? He's a high taxer, a high spender, and a disaster for us. The rest of America is welcome to him."

This week, however, the rest of America may well welcome him. As the nation's economic gloom deepens, the Cuomo paradox looms daily larger. Although many people who have experienced his state government for eight years would happily exile him to Carthage (or anywhere else), for Democrats elsewhere he is a potential saviour, the one man who might drive George Bush from the White House.

Debate about money and jobs is common to all election campaigns. But in Washington earlier this year it was edged out by Middle East war and peace, Soviet coups, and sexual harassment. Last week, as though breaking out from behind a dam, the "pocketbook issues" surged back into the mainstream, leaving politicians of both parties struggling to keep their balance.

All except Mario Cuomo. As governor of recession-ridden New York state, he was already famous for travelling nowhere and for calling foreign policy the "easy bit" of government. While Mr Bush was hobnobbing with Boris Yeltsin, Mr Cuomo was planning programmes of welfare cuts and public works.

He has not put his state on the path to prosperity. Far from it. Mr Cuomo's supporters are not even necessarily backers of any specific Cuomo plan. His support is growing not because of what he has done but because he looks like a victor. He is seen as having the necessary qualities for next year's presidential election: domestic stature, aggressive instincts and the ability to articulate a dream of the future.

He has not committed himself to running. He is worried about the appearance that will create of leaving unfinished business at home. He has made a reputation of teasing his admirers. But big financial backers have decided to withhold support from the seven lesser-known Democrat candidates until his answer is known, perhaps within the next few days.

The New York governor frightens the White House because he would give Mr Bush an unpredictable fight. An intellectual lawyer with wide interests in philosophy and history, his administrative experience and knowledge of the world are narrower than those of the president. But his emotional and imaginative range is much the greater. His 1984 Convention speech for Walter Mondale is still talked about in terms normally reserved for John F. Kennedy or Martin Luther King.

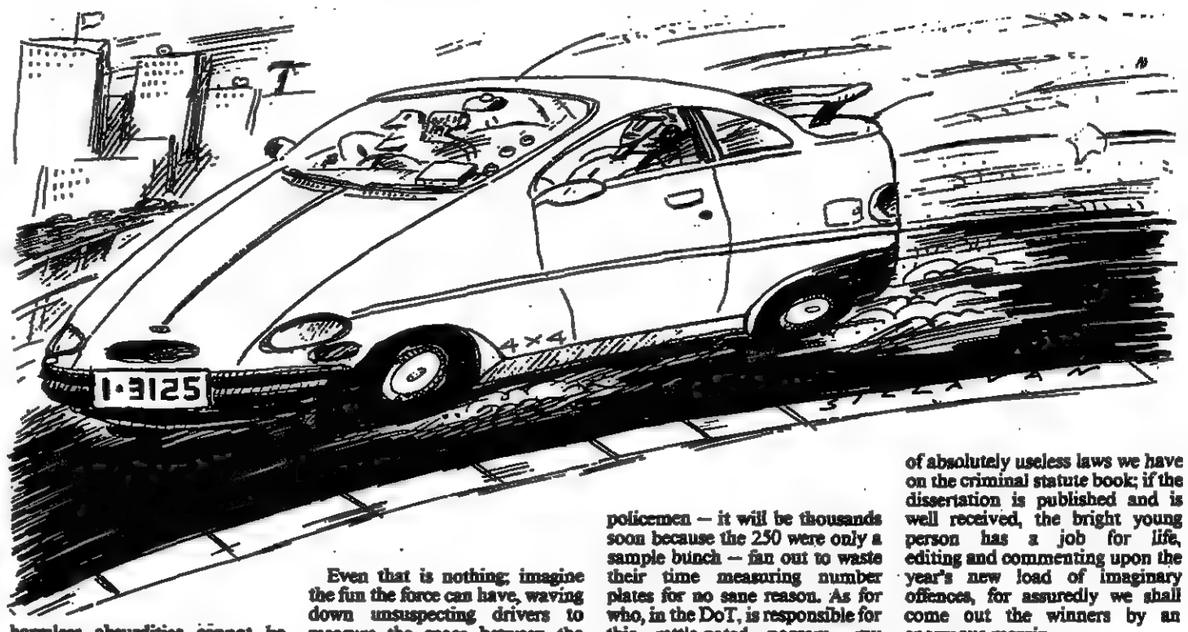
He is the one Democrat who fights tougher than the president. When he recently described an opponent as a "dead man", he drew a columnist's retort that no Democrat had talked that way since Frank Sinatra left the party. In recent weeks the Clarence Thomas affair has brought out this instinct on behalf of Anita Hill, whom he felt had been let down by Senate Democrats. The success in the Louisiana governor's race of David Duke, the former Ku Klux Klan leader, has aroused in him passionate outrage at what he sees as Republican racism.

Earlier this year, Mr Cuomo could see little attraction in coming out against a president who was a victorious war leader. Now, he sees a rival who, while still popular, is presiding over domestic economic decline, frustration at the failure to dislodge Saddam Hussein, and whose party is claimed by a southern white supremacist.

The president was in rapid motion last week, promoting possible tax cuts for the middle class, claiming the Middle East peace conference as a gain from the Gulf war, agreeing to civil-rights extensions he had once wanted to veto, and disassociating himself utterly from Mr Duke. But the Democrats feel their blood running fast. They see *Marius in the Ruins of Carthage* in pride of place on the White House walls next year — and among the symbolic columns George Bush's fallen head.

LIBERTY went that way

Bernard Levin on the officials who were given an inch and demanded a harsh sentence



Now then; imagine you are a young bride on your wedding day (perhaps you are), and a beautifully maintained white Rolls-Royce pulls up outside your parental home to take you to the church. (Your father has paid for the hire of the Rolls, but that is not relevant to the tale I am to unfold.) Admiring the shining car, you go round to the front, and see the number plate: CUPID. You smile at the charming thoughtfulness of the car hire company, and your happiness grows even greater.

And then a policeman comes round the corner, and arrests the driver of the Rolls — not for being drunk, not for driving when uninsured, not for causing an obstruction, not, indeed, for any offence intelligible to God or man, but because the P in the number plate is less than 1.3125 inches from the L.

I am not making this up. It is a criminal offence under the Vehicles (Excise) Act of 1971 to have a number plate with the letters separated from the numbers by less than that gap. It is also criminal to have a 5 in your number plate if the numeral has been painted with the angles softened, enabling the owner to pretend it is an S. There is a Rolls I occasionally see in London with the number plate PEN 15; the gap is very small, the 5 very sinuous, so the plate spells — well, work it out for yourselves, you smutty lot. A less improper use of a number plate is the one sported on the car of Jimmy Tarbuck; it reads COM 1C, and long may it stay there, not necessarily because he is funny, but because it is a pleasant and rather amusing idea, which adds, by however little, to the gaiety of the nation.

A harmless absurdity; but since harmless absurdities cannot be tolerated by the authorities, legislation had to follow.

Yes, but no one ever thought that such legislation would actually be enforced. Now, however, that is happening: presumably because the police find that the capture of burglars is a difficult, time-consuming and rarely successful enterprise, and know that any arrest, be it for the most absurd and trivial offence, registers just as high on the scoreboard as arson, robbery with violence, or embezzlement. Measuring number plates and finding that they include gaps between letters which are ("who hath measured the ground?") 1.3124 inches wide instead of 1.3125, is much more of a cushy — well — number than staking out a warehouse in sub-zero temperatures or apprehending a gentleman who insists that he is the reincarnation of Hitler, and has chained himself to a sewer outlet by way of defying the police to disprove it.

But that is only the beginning; our contemporary, *The Independent*, claims that a mere pilot sweep in one corner of London has clocked up no fewer than 250 real charges in no more than 12 weeks.

Even that is nothing; imagine the fun the force can have, waving down unsuspecting drivers to measure the space between the characters on their number plates, and making anything up to half a dozen people at a time hate policemen permanently. Imagine the fun, did I say? But the fun has only just started; it is now known that the Department of Transport actively and for money encourages and takes a colossal slice from the sale and purchase of what are called in the trade "Cherished Numbers".

Not content with pushing this trade and cutting itself in, the DoT actually sorts out the most fiercely cherished numbers and makes sure that these will be snapped up by those who have a reason to display them. So help me, the DoT *auctions* these figures, offering to the highest bidder such prizes as ELV 1S, which was sold for £66,000 to a passionate Presley follower. Of course, the DoT has to pretend (and does) that its sales of cherished numbers are not immediately attached to the buyer's car with the letters and numbers suitably doctored, but nobody believes that, or is expected to.

Meanwhile, the DoT mutters into its porridge that the law must be obeyed, and hundreds of policemen — it will be thousands soon because the 250 were only a sample bunch — fan out to waste their time measuring number plates for no sane reason. As for who, in the DoT, is responsible for this rattle-pated pogrom, my money is on Chope, he of the back seat compulsory belts.

But if you think that that is enough for one day from the DoT (no doubt Chope is lurking in the undergrowth of this story as well), here comes the High Court to push the arrow right round to the bit reading "Totally Daft". The judges have now ruled that it is a criminal offence to put advertising leaflets under the windscreen wipers of a car.

It seems that the owner of a wine bar in Chichester had been thus advertising his hostelry, and was prosecuted for doing so, and the case went all the way to the Bloody Assize, where the Chichester conviction was upheld on the bizarre ground that the poor devil had been "using a vehicle for a purpose in connection with trade or business, contrary to the Road Traffic Regulations".

If there is a young man or woman who has just graduated *summa cum laude* and is looking for a subject to take up for a higher degree, I suggest a comparative study (matched against, say, the countries of the EC) of the number of absolutely useless laws we have on the criminal statute book; if the dissertation is published and is well received, the bright young person has a job for life, editing and commenting upon the year's new load of imaginary offences, for assuredly we shall come out the winners by an enormous margin.

People involved with the law, from the most eminent law lord to the clerk of the court, can always be heard complaining of the burden of work they carry, a burden which inevitably ensures that litigation and trials are always far behind, and always getting more so. This is a real and painful problem, but I have discovered the solution.

When the first prosecution for having a car number plate with a gap between letters and numbers less than 1.325 inches wide is heard, let the judge say very loudly, "Take this preposterous rubbish out of my court before I throw the lot of you in jail for contempt". And when the next prosecution for abuse of a windscreen wiper comes up, let the judge say, "I don't care what my learned brothers have decided, this is a damned silly law, and from now on anyone may break it with impunity".

You never know, it could catch on. It might put the bright youngster out of business, but surely there is an honest living to be got by repainting number plates and tucking leaflets under windscreen wipers.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Purgatory, I think, will be a BBC green room, with warm orange juice. I was waiting in one such on Friday. I had some small contribution to make to a newsy/viewsy/half-past-elevensy morning magazine programme.

Into the green room walked a couple, 30-something, with their little boy. They looked nice, ordinary people, but rather tense. The woman asked for herbal tea and, there being none, took orange juice. The man had mineral water.

He was well turned out. He had intelligent eyes, was prematurely balding, and wore a decent, worried expression. Like him his wife was looking her best. Homely in the best sense, she let her husband take the lead, and watched lovingly over their little boy, who played with a bubble-blowing kit and a bowl of sugar sachets.

"What are you here for?" I asked.

The man looked at his wife and she looked back. "We've been invited to talk about our belief," he said. He stopped. She said nothing. I looked at them, my question unspoken.

"We are not going to die," he said. His wife smiled nervously in support. The little boy started to make a pile of sugar sachets.

"You can arrest the ageing process?"

"Yes, I suppose so."

"How have you found this out?"

"It's not a matter of finding out. It's a matter of becoming sure. There's a group of us, growing all the time."

"Are you a religious sect?"

"Not really. Religions frighten people, pen them in. It's this world we're talking about, not another. We believe that men and women, and animals too, are oppressed by an unconscious collective decision to embrace death. We have decided that if enough of us reject death then it will not happen . . ."

He caught sight of the infant sugar piler. "There'll be sugar *everywhere* in a moment, if he doesn't stop that."

A programme assistant looked round the door: "Would you like to come in for make-up?" Mother and child followed her out.

"People always ask the technical questions, like 'What age will you stop at?' and that sort of thing," the man continued. "But we should be thinking about bigger truths, the liberating knowledge . . ." he fiddled with the knot of his tie ". . . that we can stay." He did not look liberated, but he looked sincere. On the TV set mounted on the wall a young man on a children's programme was waving a plastic toy telephone and singing a song, ". . . *Jabber, Jabber, Jabber/ On the portable phone*", while some other men in clown suits, riding cardboard dogs and horses, bobbed around in a mock carousel.

"It could all be different," said my companion. His wife returned, made up. Another of the programme team came in, and smiled brightly to the couple, whose son was now blowing bubbles. "This is your chance to explain things to the viewers. It's your moment on TV. Don't hesitate to let your passion show. Be positive! Be fervent!"

. . . Imagine, as one of the 12 Apostles is led to the TV studio couch: "Now, Peter, love, be fervent! You've only got two minutes" . . .

"We may ask you some sceptical questions," continued the member of the programme team, "but don't be thrown: you can come back with strong answers."

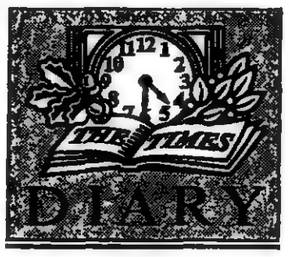
. . . Imagine Thomas. "Now, Thomas, not everybody is going to *believe* the holes in the hands stuff. Hit us with your conviction. You're perspiring. Pop into make-up first, love, so we can deal with that shiny forehead" . . .

"Our older boy," said the mother, "decided he wasn't ready to be on TV. It's not that he doesn't believe, but you know what the school playground's like. Kids can be so cruel."

As I left them, the infant had tipped half his bubble-liquid over the coffee table. Dad looked bothered, mum wiped it up.

Child seemed unaware of any threat to everlasting life. He was the only free spirit among us. Dad mopped his brow, mum mopped the table, and a bubble floated up, to burst against the TV screen. "Jabber, jabber, jabber" — *pop*.

The baby boy watched, entranced. If he saw in this any intimation of mortality, then he hid his dismay.



United they stand

ABSENT friends should be the main toast at tonight's dinner to mark the 20th anniversary of the Commons vote that took Britain into the European Community. Two of the most fervent Europeans, David Owen and Roy Hattersley, who risked their political careers to vote "Yes", have been unable to find time to turn up at St Ermin's Hotel in Westminster.

They will miss speeches by two even more eager Europeans than they: Edward Heath and Lord Jenkins of Hillhead. At least 15 other former cabinet ministers will also be among the cross-party group.

Mrs Thatcher, then education secretary, has, less surprisingly, also declined to attend. But some of the most prominent wets of her premiership, Lord Prior and Sir Ian Gilmour, will be joined by some of her greatest admirers, including Cecil Parkinson and Jeffrey Archer. Bill Rodgers, the former Gang of Four member who is organising the dinner, says: "We will be burying our political differences and reminiscing on one of the most historic votes in Parliament's history."

A perusal of the 1971 division lists reveals how politicians change their views, if not their colours. Norman Tebbit and Nicholas Ridley, now leading Tory Euro-sceptics, marched through with the Ayes. Neil Kinnock and Gerald Kaufman, who like to tell us how pro-European they are, followed Labour's whip and trooped through the Noes lobby.

Heath's words as prime minister back on October 28, 1971 may jar on Major's ear as he spars with the federalists. "Tonight, when this House endorses this motion, many millions of people right across the world will rejoice that we have taken our rightful place in a truly united Europe," Heath said.

But Sir Alec Douglas-Home (now Lord Home), then foreign secretary, must have struck a chord with many of today's Tory MPs when he said prophetically: "Great countries . . . cannot be dragooned or coerced into a pattern of political association which one or the other of them does not like. The attempt would be folly. It would break up the Community."

● *Age is no obstacle to love, it seems. The dating agency Together recently sent houses in Chelsea its "personal compatibility questionnaire", including the home of two 75-year-old spinsters. The pair were even more surprised when they mentioned the questionnaire to a 100-year-old neighbour, a widow. She too had been sent one.*

Grainger revisited

NINETY years to the day after Percy Grainger made his musical debut in London, an identical concert is being staged tomorrow at the same hall. The pianist Penelope Thwaites will play works by Bach, Liszt, Brahms, Chopin and Grieg as well as Grainger's own version of a Tchaikovsky waltz.

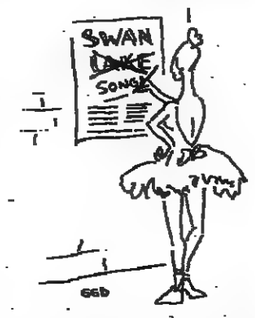
The concert at Steinway Hall will be accompanied by an exhibition of Grainger memorabilia from the Steinway archives in New York. Thwaites, who also lectures about the composer of *Country Gardens*, says: "Grainger's debut at the age of 19 launched him upon a career which soon established him as one of the world's great pianists."

Indeed, it did. "Mr Percy Grainger has the gift of temperament and no little individuality," wrote *The Times*'s perceptive critic at the time.

On their toes

MORE trouble is in the offing at Covent Garden. If and when it resolves the dispute with its orchestra, next in the ring will be the Opera House's corps de ballet.

The Royal Ballet's dancers are waiting in the wings, eyeing the orchestra's negotiations before



deciding on a claim. Those old trade-union war cries, "parity" and "differentials", are likely to rear their ugly heads. Will Travett, Equity's representative among the dancers, says he will be "furious" if the orchestra negotiates more than the 6.5 per cent rise offered by management.

He refuses to be drawn on precisely what claim the dancers will make. He will also argue for payment for daily classes, needed whether or not the Royal Ballet is performing. A merry dance can be expected by all.

Cartoon character

DID Leonardo da Vinci operate a sophisticated production line? The question could be answered next summer when two versions of the same painting are placed side by side at an exhibition in Edinburgh.

The art world has been mystified as to how twin versions of da Vinci's tiny *Madonna of the Yarnwinder* can be of such high quality. Martin Kemp, professor of art history at St Andrews University, who will examine the two paintings, says: "Some of da Vinci's smaller devotional paintings were produced in his studio, although they were not all by him. It's a bit like a high-class furniture maker; the master can't be expected to cut every joint himself."

If either of the paintings was copied, Kemp will be looking for dots to indicate that it was drawn from a cartoon of the original. "We will be using infra-red reflectography to penetrate the paint layers and pick up under the drawing. This should show us how the painting was done," he says.

The research was made possible after the Duke of Buccleuch and a private collector in New York agreed to exhibit the versions they own.

● *It could only happen in Florida. The Garlic Grill offers 32 different garlic-flavoured items, including a garlic lime mousse. But what of the pungent effect on the breath? The restaurant recommends drinking beer and provides bowls of parsley on all the tables. The perfect solution, it says.*

BARGAINING TIME

John Major's strategy of being nice to his partners in the European Community appears to be unravelling. As the Maastricht summit nears and "nonpapers" give way to deadlines for concrete decisions, tempers are shortening, old suspicions emerging and British ministers are publicly criticising other EC governments and especially the European Commission.

Earlier this month, Tom King voiced his dissent from the Franco-German proposals for a European army under EC direction. A letter from the EC environment commissioner seeking a halt to seven British construction projects was greeted with "irritation" and "astonishment" by Malcolm Rifkind and Mr Major. Michael Howard's opposition to EC plans for a common working week continues Britain's campaign to stop the Commission imposing a "social charter" under the guise of health and safety legislation. This weekend Mr Hurd broadened the assault, criticising the Commission's "natural centralising instinct" and setting apparently firm limits to Britain's readiness to compromise at Maastricht.

Mr Hurd's asserted yesterday that Britain is "not being tough, just sensible" in this final stage of pre-Maastricht bargaining. The Commission and some other members will not see it that way. These disagreements — on a common foreign policy, on immigration, on extending majority voting, on the powers of the European Parliament, on the desirability of a common currency and central bank — go to the heart of the Maastricht debate.

On Friday Mr Major sees Helmut Kohl to see what deal can be struck on the revised Dutch proposals for "next steps" towards European union. He will take with him some substantial gains from his diplomacy of the past nine months. Except on the social charter, Britain has allies within the EC on every subject. All 12 governments have reservations about aspects of the various drafts so far prepared for Maastricht, even if Britain has more of them than most.

France and Britain share doubts about increased powers for the European Parliament. Britain and Italy oppose Franco-German views on common defence. Britain, Germany and the Netherlands are united in their determination to deflect the Commission from anything resembling a common "industrial policy". The 12 are split 9-3 on proposals to extend majority voting. Even on monetary union, where agreement is said to be closest, division goes deep. Germany will accept no lesser commitment against inflation than its present monetary institutions provide. Italy, by contrast, is beginning to count the cost in growth and unemployment of adhering to German standards. Whatever statement of general principle is signed at Maastricht — and it is becoming more general each week — the road to Stage 3 of monetary union will be storm-ridden. Even inside the EC Commission, the engine room of federalism, not all commissioners share the centralising ambitions of Jacques Delors and his French bureaucratic élite.

More to the point, argument is shifting Britain's way. With the map of Europe changing faster than was dreamed when the aim of political and economic union was agreed in Madrid in 1985, a two-speed approach to monetary union would not only be no disaster, it would make entry to the club easier for new members. The same is true of foreign and defence policy, where loose structures of co-operation under the Council of Ministers would be more prudent during a period of rapid change. Last week's proposed treaty on visa controls, reached by national ministers outside the Commission context, was a useful template.

The foreign ministers go into conclave in a fortnight for three days, supposedly to emerge with agreed drafts. The odds are now on some vague statements of intent, to which no reasonable government could take exception. The strength of such vagueness would be to postpone conflict within the EC as thinking on a "wider Europe" continues to evolve. The danger is that new vitality might be given to the sort of inanities seen from Brussels this past month, moving the "federalist ratchet" up another click.

There is a mass of business for the EC, under the leadership of the Council of Ministers, to push forward without new treaties and within existing arrangements, business on trade, on agriculture, on protectionism, on relations with the East, on pollution, on crime. The British government under its present and previous leaders has been firm and clear on this. There is no reason at all for any change of direction, and as yet no sign that Mr Major intends one.

RIGHTS AND WRONGS OF DYING

The word "euthanasia" derives from the Greek for "easy death", but the issues it raises are far from easy. Some would deny this. For Roman Catholics, euthanasia is a mortal sin. The gift of life is given by God, obligating man to live it to its natural end. The Catholics buttress this argument by a more pragmatic one: modern medicine and modern care make an agonising end to life unnecessary. But such empirical arguments are secondary to an absolute moral bar.

Others, many but not all of them humanists, take a diametrically opposed view. They believe that human freedom includes the individual right to live or die. If individuals choose to end their own lives, society has no right to stop them. This group, too, has to address empirical matters, such as ways to ensure that the decision to die is truly voluntary and not the result of outside pressure. But these matters again are secondary, compared with the right to choose.

Daniel Johnson argued the absolutist case against euthanasia in *The Times* on October 11. A passionate correspondence has ensued. Similar arguments have surfaced in America as Michigan prosecutors try to bring charges against Dr Kevorkian, a pathologist and inventor of a suicide machine. Voters in the state of Washington will be asked next month whether euthanasia should be legal.

Should the debate be left unresolved? That would be unsatisfactory on two counts. First, medical science advances. Life can be sustained that once would naturally have ebbed away, as in the case of the boxer Michael Watson, alive only thanks to the intensive care he received after his bout with Chris Eubank five weeks ago. With that capacity to extend life goes a capacity to make it more tolerable, physically through improved anaesthetics, and mentally, through the kind of care provided by the hospice movement. Those who are not absolutists will want these arguments weighed.

Second, it has to be recognised that euthanasia is an existing, if exceptional, practice. Every so often, a doctor is suspended following a patient's death. In the Netherlands, it is now estimated that 2 per cent of deaths are the result of euthanasia. Such matters should not be left to individual doctors. Their knowledge is relevant, but they are not moral philosophers. Still less can it be fair for their decisions to lead to professional disgrace or even criminal arraignment. These arguments apply with even greater force to relatives of the dead, sometimes still dragged before the courts for performing what they believe to be a last service to their loved ones. Dealt with thus, euthanasia resembles abortion in Britain before the 1967 abortion act: half-regulated, patchily available, peddled by fanatics to the desperate and exploited by sharks.

Britain has a sophisticated mechanism for resolving such issues. The commission of enquiry has been much derided as an instrument of government and, as a way of resolving essentially political debate, rightly so. But it has a good record on questions of morality. In debates often distorted by high emotion, concentrated practical intelligence untangles knots. The Williams committee on obscenity and film censorship of 1977-79 conditioned all subsequent debate on the subject. The Warnock committee on human fertilisation resolved the question of embryo research. The government should take up the proposal made by Lord Alport in his letter to *The Times* of 19 October for a public enquiry into euthanasia; and appoint a moral philosopher of the stature of Dame Mary Warnock to chair it.

PATHS TO GLORY

After ten years' labour, the Peak District National Park Authority has completed its restoration of the seven-mile path through Dovedale and Wolfscote Dale. This scheme, which exemplifies all that is commendable in public trusteeship, highlights the failure of Whitehall to respond to the recent campaign of the countryside and walking lobbies for a ramblers' charter. Nowhere is the government's response to the changing economics of agriculture and the growth of public interest in the countryside more inadequate than in the matter of footpath rights. Current proposals to reform the law of trespass to reduce squatting should be combined with reform of rights of way.

Britain is now developing an impressive and comprehensive network of long distance footpaths as well as local routes for the less serious weekend walker. Some of these are comparable with the splendid *grandes randonnées* in France. The Pennine Way, the Ridgeway and Offa's Dyke may need protection, not from encroachment but from the damage caused by their popularity. These paths offer scenery, exercise and enjoyment, free of charge. It is hard to conceive of a finer national asset, capable of being enjoyed by so many citizens without intrusion on the enjoyment of others.

Other footpaths are a different matter. Some, such as the Cotswold and South Downs ways, are well-guarded and maintained. But other paths, such as the Oxfordshire Way and the curiously named Saxon Shore Way, as well as dozens of local footpaths, are disjointed and obstacle-strewn, petering out in fields and farmyards, defeating even the Ordnance Survey's excellent Landranger and Pathfinder maps.

Footpaths are no longer merely village routes to church and shop. They are the new rural resource, bringing increasing numbers to regions which lack obvious tourist attractions. Few are properly signposted, let alone blessed with interpretation or refreshment centres — in contrast, for instance, to land owned by the National Trust or the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. Many lack the sponsorship of local tourist authorities and the support of landowners.

A nation that has spent millions wrecking the landscape by subsidising farmers to pull out hedges and destroy trees could best make amends by helping those same farmers restore them and make them accessible to the public. Farmers are going to need all the public sympathy, and all the revenue, they can get in coming years. Walking may be free, but the accoutrements of walking are not. It is time for Whitehall to discover that local tourism has an agricultural dimension and a price-tag.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Topping up NHS treatments

From Dr Gerard Bulger

Sir, A patient of mine had been waiting for four years for IVF (in-vitro fertilisation) treatment on the NHS. After starting her treatment she was given a letter asking her to top up the costs of her treatment, should the district health authority not have a contract with St Bartholomew's Hospital. As it happens the DHA had such a contract.

IVF has a failure rate of perhaps 80 per cent. The cost in disruption and humiliation that failure brings outweighs the joy the relatively few lucky women have when they succeed.

IVF, in my view, should not be funded by the NHS. The Department of Health could take the sums used by the regions to fund such programmes and put them, and a little more, into an independent research and infertility counselling charity. Those seeking IVF would apply to the charity.

The City and Hackney Community Health Council, of which I was a member, objected to the provision of an IVF service at St Bartholomew's (report, October 23) when there were so many other basic gynaecological problems that required the health authority's attention in Hackney.

The top-up funding scheme that Bart's introduced appears not to have been thought through. Patients who thought themselves NHS patients suddenly found themselves quasi-private.

If NHS patients are expected to top up the costs of their IVF treatment might not top-ups occur in other parts of the service? Treatments should be either NHS or funded as research projects or through charities. Then patients would know where they stood from the outset.

Yours sincerely,
GERARD BULGER,
58 Newick Road,
Lower Clapton, E5.
October 23.

Cancer mouse

From Mr F. Winston Pate

Sir, Mr Terry Robinson (letter, October 22) affirms that only Almighty God holds a patent on life. Would this not mean that God holds patents on the more than three and a half thousand known human inheritable and transmittable diseases, many of them fatal, which are currently the target of genetic researchers around the world?

I would suggest that the creation and marketing of an OncoMouse to develop cancer for research (report, October 15) is a small price to pay for such potentially huge benefits to humanity. Equally, I think it not unreasonable that the company responsible for developing the OncoMouse should want to recover its costs in creating this very valuable research animal.

Yours faithfully,
F. WINSTON PATE,
1a Redcliffe Gardens, SW10.
October 22.

From Mr T. W. Roberts

Sir, Whatever view we take, we should realise that the role of patents is subsidiary. If it is wrong to treat animals in this way, it should be forbidden by law: if not, why forbid patenting? Simply to stop patents on such things will not stop the things themselves; it will only make it less likely that the public will hear about them.

Yours faithfully,
TIM ROBERTS,
13 Spring Meadow,
Bracknell, Berkshire.
October 22.

EC intervention

From Mr Eric R. Bevington

Sir, Before Maastricht and possible moves to European political integration, it would seem necessary to get a close definition of the term "subsidiarity". Unfortunately, this vague concept probably defies adequate definition.

The recent intervention of the European Commission on issues which are at once abstract and subjective, and relevant mainly to small local communities, is a harbinger of almost limitless intervention in future years.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC R. BEVINGTON,
Holman's Cottage,
Bisterne Close,
Burley, Ringwood, Hampshire.
October 19.

Indemnity costs

From Mr David Andrews

Sir, The President of the Law Society is absolutely right to draw attention to the serious situation that has arisen for the legal profession, on account of claims and complaints, resulting in the massive increases in the cost of indemnity insurance and contributions to the compensation fund (report, October 18).

It seems unlikely, however, that the solutions he suggests will produce the desired result, which must be to see the number of claims and complaints reduced. There is a solution to these problems that will work and the profession must face reality, hard though that may be.

It is now a well established fact that as high a proportion as 80 per cent of claims and complaints against solicitors stem neither from dishonesty nor lack of knowledge of the law. They arise from poor management and sloppy office procedures. It is, indeed, "unacceptable" that the profession should permit this state of affairs to continue. I run a specialist management consultancy for the legal profession and see the insides of many firms of solicitors all over the country.

Some years ago I suggested to the Law Society that a firm that has suffered a claim or complaint arising on account of poor management or sloppy office procedures should be compelled to undergo an independent management audit and obtain a certificate of compliance with certain fundamental management procedures before the partner or partners could be reissued with practising certificates. The suggestion was rejected on grounds of the need to protect the privacy and confidentiality of firms which had been the subject of claims or complaints.

Are we really so misguided as to place the protection of defaulting firms ahead of the need to protect the public and the rest of the profession?

It is unrealistic to expect these problems to be resolved by mere exhortation, from whatever source that may come. Firms in trouble are the last to seek help and advice on account of the fact that they often fail to identify the cause of the trouble, are too frightened or even too proud to admit their need for help, or are simply unwilling to pay for that help.

It is no good the profession complaining about the harsh consequences of this state of affairs if it is not prepared to acknowledge and implement the only solution that will work: compulsion.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ANDREWS (Chairman),
The David Andrews Partnership,
Temple Chambers,
Temple Avenue, EC4.
October 21.

Prison officers seen as 'scapegoats'

From the General Secretary of the Prison Officers' Association

Sir, I find your reports and leading article (October 21) on the state of the prison service alarmist and your remarks about the Prison Officers' Association prejudiced.

Your central charge is that the POA is a "barrier" to change, and has usurped the function of management in our prisons. In addition, the association, "run by John Bartell", is seeking overmanning. The service, it is alleged, is riddled with disputes, and on the point of facing "breakdown of state control". You also give some account of particular problems in Wakefield and Wandsworth.

The grim conditions in Britain's prisons are a testimony to decades of political neglect. Overcrowding, bad sanitation, and prisoners spending much of their day in debilitating idleness, especially in many local prisons, are features of inadequate resources and long-term structural decay in the system.

In no way do they arise from obstruction by prison officers. Indeed, the improvements advocated in the Woolf report and others have always been part of the association's declared policies. At present the government is using the POA as a scapegoat for its failures in prison policy in particular and law and order in general. It also shows a lack of political will that the government has failed to come out with a definite timetable to implement the recommendations of the Woolf report.

You point to nearly 40 current disputes in our prisons. But only two of these disputes have resulted in limited forms of industrial action; the rest fall into the category of registered failures to agree. All registered disputes are a normal part of our agreed industrial relations procedures and would occasion little comment if they occurred elsewhere that industrial bargaining takes place. It is, frankly, gratuitous to cite these as evidence of prison breakdown.

Your comments on Wakefield describe an impasse occasioned by peremptory POA demands for extra staff. What you omit to mention is that the association participated in a staffing objectives survey in relation to which a written guarantee was given to honour the findings. This revealed a staffing need in excess of that proposed by the POA.

The subsequent dispute arose when the management went back on its promise. The dispute has been resolved because the POA choose not to be provoked into direct confrontation with the government — but the record shows that we remain right in principle.

This association — which is not "run by John Bartell" but by an elected executive — has always responded positively to attempts at improvements by management. One proof of this rests in the Home Office claim that they have achieved nearly 25 per cent efficiency savings since Fresh Start began four years ago. But of far greater significance is paragraph 1.4 of the Woolf report which, inter alia, investigated the Strangeways riots. It said:

It is that members of the Prison Service as a whole, against heavy odds, have managed over a number of years to contain an almost impossible situation by showing immense dedication, courage and professionalism.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID EVANS, General Secretary,
Prison Officers' Association,
Cronin House, 245 Church Street,
Edmonton, N9.
October 23.

Strikes and curbs

From the Secretary of State for Employment

Sir, In her article, "Charter for a disaster?" ("Law Times", October 22), Gillian Morris argues that the proposal to give customers of a public service the right to go to court to halt the unlawful organisation of industrial action affecting such a service would be "a recipe for chaos". In fact she appears to have misunderstood the nature of the proposal.

For example, Ms Morris seems to believe that the new right to restrain unlawful organisation of industrial action will apply to "essential" services only. It would, in fact, protect all "public services" — that is, those covered by our citizen's charter white paper — whether they are capable of being described as "essential" or not.

She also implies that there is something "novel" about interlocutory proceedings being held to decide whether industrial action may have been organised unlawfully. However, for as long as anyone can remember this has been accepted and normal practice of the courts. It is similarly misleading to imply that the "good practice" recommendations in the statutory code of practice on industrial-action ballots amount to "requirements".

Industrial action which is lawfully organised would not be affected by the new right. Ms Morris appears to ignore the fact that unlawful industrial action can have very real, and very harmful, effects on members of the public. Our proposal would do no more than give customers of public services the same protection against the effects of unlawfully organised industrial action as employers and union members already have.

Far from being a "recipe for chaos", therefore, the proposal would be an important ingredient of the measures which the government proposes, under our citizen's charter, to enhance, and protect, public services.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HOWARD,
Department of Employment,
Caxton House, Tothill Street, SW1.
October 23.

Caring for children

From Mr and Mrs M. S. Reynolds

Sir, As the adoptive parents of three children, who came to us at ages 14, 13 and 11 respectively, we cannot agree with Polly Toynbee's assertion (Review, October 19) that care usually does little more than prevent "children being killed or maimed".

The taking of a child into care can be the start of a process which eventually leads to his or her being placed in an adoptive family. Whilst never an entirely satisfactory replacement for the natural family, that does offer perhaps the best chance there is of breaking the vicious circle of abuse and deprivation.

Unfortunately the length of time between the initial involvement of a social work agency and the placement of a child in a family may be several years (at least five years in the case of all of our children, each of whom was in the care of a different local authority). These are lost years for the children and are often spent unsatisfactorily in children's homes or temporary foster placements.

In our view, a more decisive policy leading to the speedier placement of children in adoptive families would serve the children better and would free some of the hard-pressed resources of the agencies.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL REYNOLDS,
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Kyloe, Mildenhall,
Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Saving South Downs

From Ms Fiona Reynolds and others

Sir, Sir John Johnson, chairman of the Countryside Commission, may protest that the proposed conservation board for the South Downs is anything but a charade (letter, October 23); but in practice that is very much what the idea has become. For some months now, local authorities have been wrangling about the most modest delegation to the proposed board of management responsibilities and deployment of staff in an area that is crying out for positive, coherent management and firm protection against the many threats it faces.

The South Downs should be a National Park. This would provide an unambiguous and positive framework within which the existing local authorities would have a clear place, but which would also recognise the national needs and priorities of the area. The recent attempt to establish a conservation board has clearly demonstated that half-way houses cannot succeed in achieving the goal of positive protection for the South Downs.

Yours faithfully,
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Segregation in nursery schools

From the Director of the Freedom Association

Sir, The former chairman of the Commission for Racial Equality, Sir David Lane, in commenting on the implications of the Cleveland school case (letter, October 24) states that an equal opportunities society will be easier to achieve if "children grow up in regular and easy contact with contemporaries of different racial origins from an early age".

However, activists within the race relations industry are doing their very best to prevent this coming about. Consider this irony of the Carney case (report, October 19). Jenny Carney's daughter is not "white" as the media described her but of "mixed race" and therefore, according to the logic of race relations, "black". The CRE would therefore not have raised the slightest objection had this little girl a year or so earlier been sent to a segregated nursery open only to black children.

Section 35 of the Race Relations Act 1976 sanctions a colour bar and there are plenty of race entrepreneurs ready to pick up local authority grants to provide this apartheid-style environment. To ensure that there is no race mixing some nurseries recruit exclusively black staff to include even the cleaner.

If the CRE opposes colour-bar nurseries, now is the time to make this clear. If it does not, what objection can it raise to colour-bar schools?

Yours faithfully,
GERALD HARTUP, Director,
The Freedom Association,
35 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

Cambodian agreement

From the Secretary General of the International Society for Human Rights

Sir, Whilst the Cambodian peace agreement signed in Paris (report, October 25) must be welcomed as a possible step forward, nevertheless the continuing progress of the agreement will only be possible if all parties abide by the principles of the agreement.

The Khmer Rouge has clearly already begun to violate the UN rules on the repatriation of the Khmer refugees in Thailand by its actions against the people of Site Eight, the refugee camp on the Thai/Cambodian border which it occupied earlier this month.

Western powers, especially the UN Security Council, must back firm action to re-establish the security of Thailand's borders with Cambodia and prevent any further incursion.

Yours sincerely,
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Human Rights,
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Saint or sinner?

From the Very Reverend Protopresbyter Alban Barter

Sir, In her article, "Why can't God be a woman?" (Life and Times, October 23), Ruth Gledhill quotes a Roman Catholic theologian, Professor Mary Grey of Nijmegen, as claiming that St Mary Magdelene is remembered in the Church only "as a prostitute and not as a disciple". This simply is not true and cannot go unchallenged.

To begin with, in the tradition of the Orthodox Church, Mary has never been identified with the woman "who was a sinner" mentioned in St Luke's Gospel. Further, and more important, she is regarded by the Church as "equal to the Apostles" and is so described in the Calendar.

This is an honour accorded to very few of the saints. It underlines the Orthodox Church's respect and gratitude for the part played by women in the redemptive work of Christ. Perhaps this is why there is no feminist movement in the Church urging the non-sexist use of language. There is no need for it.

Your obedient servant,
ALBAN BARTER,
Penlan, Llanfwrog, Ruthin, Clwyd.

Hidden barb

From Mr B. R. O'Brien

Sir, On my daughter's birthday recently, she received a badge which states on the front "I am 2 today" and on the back "Not suitable for children under 3 years of age — sharp point present".

Whilst I am in favour of child safety, I am left wondering what we were supposed to do with the badge.

Yours faithfully,
RORY O'BRIEN,
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Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Staggering figures

From Mr F. Bernard Meldrum

Sir, Your front page (October 22) conveys the astonishing information that Poland, with a population of 37 million, has one million of them drunk every day. It is not clear to me whether we are to take this to mean that the same million are drunk every day or whether the figures have been staggered.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 26: This morning The Princess Royal visited Burton's Biscuits, Quality House, Sighthill and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, attended the World Cup Semi-final at Murrayfield.

Mrs David Bowes Lyon was in attendance.

October 27: The Duke of Edinburgh, International President of WWF - World Wide Fund for Nature, and Patron and Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning to visit India, Hong Kong, Thailand, Pakistan, Oman and Crete.

Mr Brian McGrath was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 26: The Duke of Gloucester was represented by Mr James Crowden (Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire) at the Memorial Service for Dr Dennis Babbage, which was held at St Giles' Church, Chesterton Lane, Cambridge, this afternoon.

Birthdays today

Mr Francis Bacon, artist, 82; Mr Peter Baring, chairman, Barings, 56; Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, 86; Mr Henry Candy, racehorse trainer, 47; Professor D.E.N. Davies, vice-chancellor, Loughborough University of Technology, 56; Mr Carl Davis, composer, 55; Sir Frederick Delve, former chief officer, London Fire Brigade, 89; Mr David Dimbleby, broadcaster, 53; Professor Sir Richard Doll, cancer specialist, 79.

Sir Ewen Fergusson, diplomat, 59; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 76; Lord Hesketh, 41; Mr Mark James, golfer, 38; Surgeon Rear-Admiral John Keeling, 70; Lord Killearn, 72; Miss Cleo Laine, singer, 64; the Earl of Lanesborough, 73; Mr Hank Marvin, Shadows' guitarist, 50; Miss Sophie Mirman, former chairman, Sock Shop, 35; Mr Michael Noakes, painter, 58; Miss Joan Plowright, actress, 62; Sir Rex Richards, director, Leverhulme Trust, 69; Mr William Rodgers, former MP, 63; Professor Jonas Salk, biologist, 77; Sir Hugh Tett, former chairman of Esso Petroleum Company, 85.

Today's royal engagements

The Duchess of York will visit Nightingale House, 105 Nightingale Lane, SW12, at 10.30; will attend the "Women of the Year" luncheon at the Savoy Hotel at 12.30; and will attend a dinner at Guildhall at 7.50 in aid of Help the Hospices and Nightingale House.

Princess Margaret, as Master of the Bench, will reopen the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn at 7.00 and dine with the benchers and members of the Inn.

The Duke of Kent, as Honorary President of the Royal Geographical Society, accompanied by the Duchess of Kent, will attend the presidential dinner at the Natural History Museum at 7.55.

The Duchess of Kent will visit Streetwise Youth at North End Road, W14, at 11.00.

Croydon war memorial

Air Marshal Sir William Wratten unveiled a memorial at Croydon Airport yesterday dedicated to those who gave their lives during the second world war. The Rev P.R. Turner officiated at the service of dedication. Among those present were:

The Deputy Lieutenant of Croydon, the Mayor and Mayoress of Croydon, the Mayor of Sutton and Mr Derek O'Connell, the Mayor of Tower Hamlets and the chairman of the memorial group and Mrs Savage.

Dinner

The Lincolnshire Duckling Dinner

Dame Peggy Fenner hosted the Lincolnshire Duckling Dinner in the House of Commons on behalf of Cherry Valley Farms Limited on Friday, October 25, 1991. It was attended by key figures in the Retail and Catering Food Trade as well as the leading Cookery Writers in the United Kingdom.

Memorial service

Dr D.W. Babbage

The Duke of Gloucester was represented by Mr James Crowden, Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, at a memorial service for Dr Denis Babbage held on Saturday at the Church of St Giles, Chesterton Lane, Cambridge. The Rev D.M. Hoyle, Chaplain of Magdalene College, Cambridge, officiated.

Dr P.J. Grubb, President of Magdalene College, read the lesson and Professor J.E. Stevens read from *The Family* by George Herbert. The Bishop of Coventry gave an address.

The Master, the Visitor and Fellows of Magdalene College, and the Master of Peterhouse were among those present.

Miss Ruth L. Cohen

The Mayor and Mayoress of Cambridge attended a gathering to celebrate the life and work of Miss Ruth L. Cohen held on Saturday at Newnham College, Cambridge.

Miss Sheila Browne, Principal of Newnham College, read from *The University Education of Women* by Mrs Henry Sidgwick, Mrs Jenny Lloyd read the poem "Miyyom lellayelah" from *Day to Night* by Dalia Ravikovitch, translated by John Bowker. Mrs Jean Floud, honorary fellow of the college, read from *Judaism, Morality and the Science of Man* by Henri Baruk, and Miss Eliza Hunt read *Of Gardens*, an essay by Francis Bacon and a *Canadian Boat Song*.

Mrs Jean Gooder, fellow, read from Izaak Walton's *The Compleat Angler*, Dr G.H.W. Rylands, CH, a Fellow of King's College, Cambridge, read from *Through the Looking Glass* by Lewis Carroll and Dr Jane Humphries, fellow, read from the works of F.M. Cornford. Professor Phyllis Deane, honorary fellow of the college, gave an address.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Cornelius Jansen, theologian, Acuoi, Netherlands, 1585; Evelyn Waugh, novelist, London, 1903.

DEATHS: John Wallis, mathematician, Oxford, 1703; John Locke, philosopher, Oates, Essex, 1704; George, prince of Denmark, consort of Queen Anne, London, 1708; John Smeaton, civil engineer, Austhorpe, Yorkshire, 1792; John Thomason, landscape painter, Edinburgh (?), 1840; John Adams-Acton, sculptor, Brodick, Isle of Arran, 1910; David Jones, writer and artist, Harrow, 1974; Georges Carpentier, world light heavyweight boxing champion 1920-22, 1975; Woody Herman, musician, Los Angeles, 1987; Jack de Manio, broadcaster, 1988; Henry Hall, band leader, 1989.

The collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, 1929.

Professor Roger Warwick

A memorial service for Professor Roger Warwick will be held on Friday, November 29, 1991, at noon in The Chapel, Guy's Hospital, London, SE1.

Forthcoming marriages

Captain T.A. Beckett and Miss F.M. Graham
The engagement is announced between Captain Thomas Beckett, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, youngest son of the late Mr Brendan Beckett and of Mrs Kathleen Beckett, of Combs, Suffolk, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stephen Graham, of Wokingham, Berkshire.

Mr J.D. Douglas and Miss B.M. Sarony
The engagement is announced between James, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Archie Douglas, of Newcastle upon Tyne, and Britt, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Sarony, of Wimpole Street, London, W1.

Mr A.C. Hacking and Miss L.A. Geddes
The engagement is announced in Cape Town, between Andrew, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Graham Hacking, of Citrusdal, and Lucy, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Geddes, of Micheldever, Hampshire.

Major T.E. Heenan, Royal Australian Regiment and Miss A.K. Potter
The engagement is announced between Timothy, only son of the late Major B. Heenan and of Mrs B. Heenan, of Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, and Anne, youngest daughter of the late Mr B.J. Potter and of Mrs B.J. Potter, of Wallington, Surrey.

Mr R.C.M. Howie and Miss K.E. Lee
The engagement is announced between Ronald, youngest son of Mr T.S.W. Howie, of Laigh Woodston, Maybole, Ayrshire, and Mrs E.M.M. Howie, of Dundonald, Ayrshire, and Kirsten, only daughter of Mr R.J. Lee, of Clifton, Bristol, and Mrs D.E. Lee, of Litton Cheney, Dorset.

Mr M. Quinney and Miss D.C. Smyth
The engagement is announced between Murray, elder son of Mr and Mrs David Quinney, of Barkway, Hertfordshire, and Deborah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Smyth, of Pillerton Priors, Warwick.

Mr P.H. Taylor and Miss J.M. Leaver
The engagement is announced between Peter Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs Hugh Taylor, of Aspley Guise, and Musent, Oman, and Jane Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Leaver, of Aspley Guise, Bedfordshire.

Commander G.J. Wiltshire, Royal Navy and Miss K.J. Russell
The engagement is announced between Graham, son of Mr J.J. Wiltshire, of Brighton, and the late Mrs V.P. Wiltshire, and Katharine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.L.A. Russell, of Queensland, Australia.

OBITUARIES

SIR ANDRZEJ PANUFNIK

Sir Andrzej Panufnik, Polish-born composer and conductor, died at his Twickenham home yesterday aged 77. He was born in Warsaw on September 24, 1914.

ANDRZEJ Panufnik moved to Britain in 1954 and in 1961 took British nationality. He was a prolific and eclectic composer, working in a wide variety of idioms and genres. His style never followed any fashion of the day, but concentrated on achieving intense expression within an ordered form. The powerful eighth symphony, *Sinfonia Votiva*, that he wrote for the centenary of the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1981, which was recorded the following year, is typical of his serious, carefully worked out methods. He was an appreciable conductor, and was music director of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra from 1957 to 1959.

Panufnik's father was originally a hydro-technologist whose hobby as a maker of violins later became a profession; his mother was a violinist, who was Panufnik's first teacher. He started to compose under her tutelage at the age of nine. From 1932 to 1936 he studied at the Warsaw Conservatory, then worked with the eminent conductor Felix Weingartner in Vienna in 1937, completing his studies in Paris and London the following year, so that his grounding was suitably cosmopolitan. He made his debut as a conductor with the Warsaw Symphony Orchestra, directing his own student work, his *Symphonic Variations*.

During the war, Panufnik survived in the underground movement, writing patriotic songs under a pseudonym, since all Polish music was banned. During this period he played piano duets in a cafe with his fellow composer Witold Lutoslawski. All his works from this period were destroyed during the Warsaw uprising of 1944 though the following year he reconstructed three of them.

When the war was over he was appointed conductor of the Krakow Philharmonic, graduating in 1946 to the Warsaw Philharmonic, also appearing as a guest with the Berlin and London philharmonics. Meanwhile he was composing regularly, particularly works for chamber groups and orchestra. With them he won many state prizes in Poland, but he became increasingly circumscribed by the regimentation in Stalinist Poland and decided to emigrate in 1954 to Britain, where was already a well-known figure through his conducting, music and work for Unesco's international music council of which he was vice-president from 1950 to 1953.

His time with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra was a happy one, but in 1959 he felt he had to devote himself exclusively to his composing, though he continued to conduct intermittently as a guest with orchestras in Britain. Though hindered by the prevailing political climate, his early works exhibited the radical and inventive tradition shown by his contemporaries such as Lutoslawski. Indeed he was at the time considered among the most advanced of the Polish School. Typical of this period was his *Circle of Fifths*, later renamed *Twelve Miniature Studies* for piano, and his *Tragic Overture*, based on four-note motifs. The *Nocturne* of 1947 was another seminal piece in his output. This was followed by the equally intriguing *Sinfonia rustica* and *Symphony of Peace*.

His early years in Britain were not very productive but in the 1960s he returned to active composition with such works as *Autumn Music* and *Landscape*, both written for orchestra in 1962 and both employing Panufnik's trademark of builing large structures from small motifs. The *Sinfonia Sacra* of 1963 is the third of his ten symphonies. It is based on a tenth-century Gregorian chant, the first-known in the Polish language. The work was revived at the 1989 Proms to celebrate the composer's 75th birthday. His style was further developed in the choral work *Universal Prayer* (1968-9), a setting of Pope.

In the 1970s Panufnik tended to concentrate on chamber works such as *Dreamscape* for mezzo and piano and *Night Thoughts* for violin and piano, where he distilled the essence of his fairly strict methods, though in contrast at the end of the decade came the *Concerto Festivo* and Concerto for tympani, percussion and strings, and the *Metasinfonia* for organ and orchestra of 1978. There followed the *Sinfonia Votiva* of 1981 — the Boston work and his ninth symphony. It is in two movements, developing Panufnik's love of organic growth. Here, as in other of his later pieces, the texture is sometimes dense and the argument quite complex. Panufnik's ninth symphony (1986) was a commission by the Royal Philharmonic Society to commemorate its 75th anniversary, while the most recent, the tenth symphony of 1988 was commissioned by Sir Georg Solti for the Centenary of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in the 1990-91 season.

As a whole Panufnik played an important if not crucial part in the development of twentieth-century music. His music was consistent in its honesty of purpose and its search for truth and inner meaning. Innovation was not an end itself but used as a means to widen horizons. A tall, handsome, grey-haired man with strong, piercing eyes, he was always an impressive figure on the podium or at a public gathering. He spoke faultless English, though with the remnants of an accent, and was able in lectures or on the radio to convey his meaning in logical, effective prose. Since coming to Britain he had adapted well to the native musical scene and played a major part in British music making. This contribution was acknowledged in his being knighted in this year's new year honours.

In the land of his birth, too, he had, of late, been much more widely appreciated. When Panufnik left Poland in 1954 his music was suppressed and his name only to be whispered among friends in surreptitious gatherings. But in 1977 a few bold members of the Warsaw Autumn Festival committee decided to reinstate his works on to the festival's programme. Since that point they have featured regularly at the festival and in September last year Panufnik broke a 36-year self-imposed exile to return to Poland for the 33rd "Warsaw Autumn". He was given a rapturous welcome; a band serenaded him at Warsaw airport and the festival's opening concert at the Warsaw Philharmonic Hall was devoted to his music. When he himself reached the podium to conduct the European premiere of his tenth symphony the audience rose spontaneously to its feet to give him a standing ovation. It was a deeply rewarding moment.

Panufnik's autobiography, *Composing Myself*, appeared in 1987. Among other things it vividly described the adventures and trials of his life in wartime Poland and his eventual emigration to Britain.

Andrzej Panufnik married, in 1963, Camilla Jessel, writer and photographer and sister of Toby Jessel, MP for Twickenham. She survives him with their daughter, Roxanna, also a composer, and son, Jeremy.

BILL GRAHAM

Bill Graham, rock music impresario, died aged 60 in a helicopter crash in California on October 25. He was born in Berlin in 1931.

AS AN entrepreneur Bill Graham did much to alter the presentation and public perception of rock music as a live spectacle. In the 1960s the performance of rock in America had been a somewhat hit and miss business. A bill of fare of package tours by rock groups was largely supplemented across the land by high school proms, except when there were the occasional glorious, but generally chaotic (and sometimes dangerous, when they were not merely bad for the health) celebrations of the alternative life represented by the events at Monterey, Woodstock and Altamont.

Graham was very largely responsible for taking a broom to this somewhat messy house, for blazing a trail in the managerial aspects of rock music, for improving organisation, for establishing regular performance venues such as the famous Fillimores and thus for creating conditions in which bands could experiment technically. In a show like the Philadelphia end of Live Aid in July 1985 he achieved his apotheosis, the biggest rock concert ever, organised with well-nigh military precision, with a vast live and television audience kept in touch with each other by satellite broadcasting, while the bands themselves enjoyed the last word in up-to-date electronics to support their acts. Such a thing was a far cry from the rain-soaked and mud-bound ecstasies of Woodstock or the barely-controlled mayhem of Altamont.

These advances were not seen by all as improvements, and Graham had his critics. He was accused in the San Francisco "head" community of being nothing more than a "dollars and cents man". Others charged him with having sanitised rock, which, in its very birth pangs had been a shriek of protest against order and convention and, above all, against the older generation. However, some of the wildest explorers of the frontiers of Sixties' rock did not, when it came to it, seem to object to the Graham-style constraints of organisation too much and the phenomenally-successful US Rolling Stones tours of the Seventies were achieved under the aegis of his tour management.

Bill Graham was born Wolfgang Grajanka of Jewish parents in the Berlin of the Weimar Republic. Fleeing from Nazism, the family

made its way first to Paris and then, when France was invaded, Grajanka got away to America where he grew up in a foster home in New York.

In the early Sixties he moved to San Francisco where after various jobs as office manager and actor he became manager of a radical theatre groupcalled Mime Troupe. They were often hard up and it was as a result of attempting to alleviate their financial hardship that he got his first taste for concert promotion. A benefit for Mime Troupe, using the group Jefferson Airplane, the beat poet Allen Ginsburg and other elements of the San Francisco alternative arts scene, was a thought-provoking success for Graham and after a couple more benefits he moved into full-time promotion. He took over San Francisco's Carousel Ballroom in 1966, renaming it the Fillmore and, with psychedelic posters, elaborate lightshows and a host of other state-of-the art electronic devices, made it the major venue for West Coast rock concerts. Grateful Dead and Jefferson Airplane both had their big break there.

In 1968 he followed the Fillmore West with the Fillmore East, which he set up in the Old Village Theatre, in New York. Thus, with a grip on an attractive venue on each side of the American continent, he was able to set a distinctive style for American rock presentation which other, newer, establishments followed. Graham brought a discipline to the notion of live rock — bands had to turn up, properly equipped and guarantee to be in a state to perform, security was given to properly accredited firms and not left in the hands of Hell's Angels as at Altamont. This all helped to make rock and roll more safe to witness in the flesh — and therefore more popular. The sense of excitement and its attendant menace might have gone out of the performance but in the Seventies and Eighties the mothers and fathers of youngsters setting off to a rock concert could see them go without that sense of foreboding that their own parents had felt a generation earlier. Rock, from being basically a "bad thing" in the eyes of the middle-aged, had become an almost serious, and certainly benign, concept, with its power to generate astronomical sums of money for good causes. In the post-Graham world the Bay Area "heads" might disapprovingly shake their psychedelic head-bands and rattle their beads, but did it in vain.

In 1971 Graham closed both the Fillmores; but he was soon opening other venues. He also moved into the field of mounting big events, such as the Watkins Glen pop festival of 1973, besides, later, Live Aid in the US. He was a major influence in making rock and roll respectable, an achievement about which there will always be differences of opinion — especially among the Sixties generation.

Richard Thomas

Judgment a catalyst for change

THE church commissioners may claim that their position has been entirely vindicated by the judgment in the "God versus mammon" investment policy case, brought by the Bishop of Oxford. Sir Donald Nicholls, the Vice-Chancellor, said in the High Court on Friday: "The challenge has failed."

Despite the disappointment of the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, and his supporters, who would not have taken this action had they not thought they had a real chance of winning, the judgment has moved their case forward in two important respects.

The first is found in the judgment itself. Hitherto, the position of the church commissioners has been that they were only entitled to take ethical and Christian considerations into account in their investment policy insofar as it did not involve any significant financial disadvantage. What the judge has decided is that the trustees of any charity — including the church commissioners — are entitled and required to go much further than that in the direction of ethical investment.

As the vice-chancellor put it: "When trustees' holdings of particular investments might hamper a charity's work, either by making potential recipients of aid unwilling to be helped because of the source of the charity's money, or because it alienates some of those who support the charity financially", the trustees will need to balance those competing considerations. If they conclude that the risks to their charitable work are more damaging than the financial risks of abandoning that investment, then they would be entitled, or even required, to take the ethical course and accept financial detriment to their investments.

This part of the judgement comes very close to conceding what the bishop and his supporters were claiming: namely, that the commissioners do have the freedom to take the ethical teaching of the church into account in their investment decisions. They are not constrained by the law quite as fiercely as they claimed.

But the second, and perhaps even more important aspect of this case, is that the ethics of investment (which is slightly different from the process of ethical investment) in arms, alcohol, gambling, tobacco and newspapers may be "a good thing", but many people will now be asking for a better justification than that "a sizeable body of opinion in the church" is against it. It could be argued that, whilst many Christians enjoy alcohol (and indeed use it in the church's central act of worship), read newspapers, and support deterrence, they find it harder to justify investment in companies that contribute to the manufacture of chemical weapons or in financial institutions that abandon long-standing relationships with tenant farmers simply because the cold wind of recession makes agriculture less profitable.

The argument that the church's money must be invested in a way that is consistent with its teaching is not "Christian fecklessness", a curious phrase, especially when applied to our Lord's own teaching by the church commissioners, but simple common sense. And it is an argument that most reasonable people would accept, whether or not they go to church.

As the Ethical Investment Research Service has demonstrated, it is now quite possible to develop a sophisticated set of ethical criteria by which investment decisions can be made. Although such thinking is relatively young, it is growing, and growing fast. Shareholders are increasingly taking ethical considerations into account when they buy shares. And some such funds are now doing very well.

The General Synod of the Church of England will almost certainly have to debate the recommendation made in *Faith in the Countryside* that the commissioners set up an ethical committee. So far, the suggestion of such a committee has been seen by them as a slight on the integrity of the assets committee. But it is rather a recognition that much greater thought needs to be given to the criteria on which an ethical investment policy is based. How, for example, is ethical action measured? What mechanisms will the commissioners or the general synod put in place to measure Nestlé's reaction to their call for a change of policy over baby milk? Against what criteria will such reaction (if any) be measured? And how will that reaction be balanced against investment decisions or shareholder action?

By holding shares in a company, the church accepts part ownership of that company. It cannot, by any measure of ethical argument, own the profits but disown the actions or the culture that created them. It is not just a matter of whether to buy or sell.

The Bishop of Oxford set out to clarify the law with regard to the church commissioners' freedom to take the church's teaching into account when making investment decisions. If, as is likely, the commissioners continue to claim that financial considerations are paramount, and reject the opportunity to develop a more coherent set of ethical criteria, there will now be a growing number of people who will be alienated by their stance.

Pushed to its logical conclusion, that alone might bring them to the position outlined in the judgment where they so "alienate those who support the charity financially" that they will have to change.

The writer is communications officer for the diocese of Oxford.

Marriages

Mr C.G. McAndrew and the Hon Polly Vaizey
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall of Mr Charles McAndrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs Nicolas McAndrew, of Blairquhosh House, Blanefield, Stirlingshire, to the Hon Polly Vaizey, only daughter of the late Lord Vaizey and of Lady Vaizey, of Chiswick, W4. The Rev David Burgess officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother, the Hon Thomas Vaizey, was attended by Charlotte Stubbs and Mrs Gideon Rachman. Mr Toby Stubbs was best man.

Mr P.C.G. Schwerdt and Miss N.R. Conolly-Carew
The marriage took place on Saturday at Christ Church, Celbridge, Co Kildare, Republic of Ireland, of Mr Peter Schwerdt, eldest son of Mr George Schwerdt and of Mrs Diana Hutton, to Miss Nicola Rosamond Conolly-Carew, second daughter of Captain the Hon Patrick and Mrs Conolly-Carew. The Rev Peter Rhys Thomas officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by India Clarke, Eloise Schwerdt, Isabella Doyle, William McGrath, Benno Hill and Samuel Guinness. Mr Richard Royds was best man.

Mr P.A. Mark and Miss E.C. Barrington-Browne
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 26, 1991, at Saint Giles' Church, Coberley, Gloucestershire, between Mr Patrick Mark, younger son of the late Dr Norman Mark and of Mrs Mary Mark, of Emsworth, Hampshire, and Miss Emma Barrington-Browne, only daughter of Major and Mrs Barrington-Browne, of Cockleford, Gloucestershire. The Rev Canon S.I. Pulford officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and attended by Masters George and Henry Butler and Miss Nicola Buckmaster. Mr James Mark and Mr Nicholas Fox were best men.

A reception was held at Cowley Manor and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Chartered Surveyors' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Chartered Surveyors' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Michael G. Clark; Senior Warden, Mr Timothy J.L. Roberton; Junior Warden, Mr Anthony Gordon-James.

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Church news

Appointment

The Rev Preb Michael G Wonderson, Vicar, Chasetown, and Rural Dean of Lichfield: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, Hammerwich St John the Baptist (Lichfield).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev Preb John C de la T Davies, Vicar, St Peter, Peterchurch; St Bartholomew, Vowchurch; St Mary Magdalene, Turnastone; St Faith, Dorstone (Hereford): to retire as from 28 September 1992.

The Rev John D S Dunnill, Curate, St Paul's, Tupsley, (Hereford): to resign as from 31 December and to be Lecturer in New Testament Studies, Anglican Institute of Theology, Perth, Australia.

The Rev Canon Peter E Green, Vicar, Loddon with Sisland (Norwich): to retire as from 31 December.

The Rev Canon John W Wilson: Vicar, Ormesby with Scratby (Norwich): to retire as Rural Dean of Flegg as from 31 January 1992.

Appointment

Sir Gordon Brunton to be President of the Commonwealth Press Union.

These are the words of the Lord God: I am laying a stone in Zion, a block of granite, a precious corner stone well founded; he who has faith will not waver.
Isaiah 28 : 16 (REB)

BIRTHS

FITZALAN HOWARD - On October 23rd, at The Portland Hospital, to Emma and Gerald, a son, Arthur.

GORDON-LENNOX - On August 2nd 1991, in Tokyo, to Junko and Philip, a son, Thomas Charles.

STUART - On October 23rd 1991, to Judith (née Osborne) and Chris, a son, Thomas Jonathan Osborne, a brother for Alexander.

SUTTON - On October 24th, to Rose (née Carr) and Mark, a son, Thomas Samuel, a brother for Phoebe.

TIDBURY - On October 22nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Sarah and Andrew, a son, George Veley Charles.

MARRIAGES

BOWYER-DELMAGE - The marriage took place on 26th October 1991 at Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Wimbledon, between Richard, youngest son of Mr & Mrs L Bowyer and Marina, eldest daughter of Mr & Mrs John Delmage.

HARRIS - DAVIES On October 26th, quietly in Edinburgh, John to Christine

DEATHS

BAMBRIDGE - On October 23rd 1991, Mary Veronica, at Pilgrim's Hospice, Canterbury. Enquiries to Blackburn's Funeral Service, (0843) 62897.

BELCHER - On October 24th 1991, peacefully, George Anthony, dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral to be held at St Mary's Parish Church of Chiddingfold, Surrey, on Wednesday October 30th at 2 pm.

BISHOP - Florence Muriel (Molly) widow of P.F. Bishop peacefully at Marley House Nursing Home on 24th October. No flowers, donations to R.N.L.B. Funeral service at St. Christopher's Church, Winfrith Newburgh near Dorchester, Dorset at 1.30pm Thursday 31st October and afterwards at Weymouth Crematorium.

BUSCALL - On October 25th, 1991, peacefully at home Gwen, much loved by all her family. At her request private Reposing mass and no flowers. Donations if desired to the Marie Curie Cancer Fund.

CORNISH - On October 23rd 1991, Eileen May Elizabeth, aged 86, very dear wife of William Herbert, mother of Elizabeth and Hilary, grandmother of Catherine and Timothy. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, Middlesex, on Friday November 1st at 12 noon, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers to E. Spark tel: 0923-825372 or donations sent to a charity of your choice.

FOGG - On October 22nd, peacefully in hospital after a noble fight against cancer, Peter, who celebrated his 81st birthday ten days before. Devoted son of the late Robert and Ethel Fogg, and much loved brother of Clay, Nicky and Joan and the late Bobby. Ou. Elsie, Ernie, Patsy, Sam and Bet. A shining beacon of kindness and generosity to countless people, he will be most sorely missed by his many relatives and friends. Funeral Service October 31st. Flowers or donations. Details from J.E. Gillman & Sons Ltd., 972 Garratt Lane, London SW17, tel: (081) 672-1857.

FANSHAWE - On October 24th, peacefully in a nursing home, Rachel Georgina, in her 95th year, last surviving member of the family of the late Basil and Mary Fanshawe of Holywell, Bratton Fleming. Funeral Bratton Fleming Church on October 30th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to Bratton Fleming Church.

GALSWORTHY - On October 26th, at home after a short illness, R. A. known to his friends as Charles, dearly loved husband of Belinda and father of Victoria and Meggie. Family funeral on October 29th. Memorial service to be announced later. No flowers please: Donations to Leicester Hospice.

HUGHES - On October 25th, 1991, Dr. Trevor Hughes, of Ruthin, husband of the late Enid, dear father, grandfather and great grand father. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, Ruthin on Wednesday October 30th, at 2pm. Flowers and enquiries to Dowell Brothers, Ruthin. Tel: 08242 2763. Donations in his memory may be made to The Vale of Clwyd Committee for Cancer Research, Midland Bank, Denbigh, Clwyd

KING - On October 24th 1991, at home, Eric Benton King, beloved father of Hilary and Roger and grandfather of Simon, Fiona, Mark, Phillip, Gillie and Jenny. Funeral Service at St James Church, Grimsby, Wednesday October 30th at 1.15 pm, followed by private cremation. Flowers and enquiries to Kettle Ltd., 135 Granville Street, Grimsby, South Humberside. Donations in lieu may be sent for "King Edward VII Hospital for Officers", Beaumont Street, London W1.

LAIGHT - On October 23rd 1991, John Critchley.

ROBSON - On October 25th, 1991, suddenly in Scotland, William Robert Donald, beloved husband of Jan, much loved father of Charles, Louisa and Alexander and loving grandfather of Hermione, Laura, Marina and Edward. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Mary's Eaebourne, at 3pm, on Friday November 1st. Please no flowers but donations. If desired to King Edward VII, Hospital Midhurst

RUNDLE - On October 23rd, peacefully, Frederick Leslie, dearly loved husband of Mildred and beloved father of Peter and John. Funeral Service St Peter's Church, Brackley, Wednesday October 30th, 1 pm. Flowers to W.J. Franklin & Son, 9 Buckingham Road, Brackley, Northants. (0280) 702356.

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A form of proxy is enclosed which, if to be used at the meeting, must be completed in accordance with the guidance notes provided therein and lodged in writing (by post) at Baker Street, London W1M 1DA not later than 12.00 hrs on 11 November 1991.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers not later than 12.00 hrs on 11 November 1991 details in writing of his claim claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of The Insolvency Rules. If there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
Dated: 23 October 1991
R HOCKINO
Joint Administrative Receiver

IN THE MATTER OF GOODA WALKER LIMITED - AND - IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30 December 1991, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned A.D. Lewis of Arthur Andersen & Co., P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
10 October 1991
A.D. Lewis
Joint Liquidator

SOLV PLC
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named company will be held at The Lodge Hotel, 52-54 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 2RN on Monday 11 November 1991 at 10.30 am for the purposes mentioned in Sections 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Mr D B Cheshire of Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6EH, is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above company and will furnish creditors free of charge with such information concerning the company's affairs as is reasonably required.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the Company's Registered Office at Leach Bright & Partners, Langton Priory, Portsmouth Road, Guildford, Surrey GU2 6EH not later than 12 noon on 8 November 1991.
Dated this 22nd day of October 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
PAUL SILVER
DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
BRUNTON ELECTRICAL SERVICES LIMITED
and
In the matter of The Insolvency Act 1986
Registered number: 2210145
Former company name: None.
Trading name: Brunton Electrical Services Limited. Nature of business: Electrical Installation Contractors. Trade classification: 27. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 21 October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Royal Bank of Scotland Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: David John Blenkiron and Richard James Rees (office holder nos: 6576 and 4620). Address: Price Waterhouse Victoria House 70 Milton Street, Nottingham NG1 3QY.

IN THE MATTER OF PERCIVAL MOON & SON LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF The Insolvency Act 1986
Take notice that a meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company held on 21st October 1991 at Greenwy Crisscopher Antony Morphitis of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH having provided written statements that he is qualified to act as an insolvency practitioner in relation to the above-named Company under the provisions of the Insolvency Act 1986, and that he consents so to act, was appointed Liquidator of the Company.
Dated the 21 October 1991.
Daniel E. Tang
Director

LISTER DREW PLC
Registered number: 2032990.
Nature of business: Holding Company. Trade classification: Investment. Date of appointment of joint administrative receivers: 18 October 1991. Name of person appointing the joint administrative receivers: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: T R Harris and R J Sykes (office holder nos): 2129 and 1051. of Cork Gully, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7DQ.

Taylor Building Services Limited (In Administrative Receivership) Registered number: 487145. Former company name: Carlton Taylor Limited. Nature of business: Engineering Contractor. Trade classification: 25. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 16 October 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: National Westminster Bank Plc. Joint Administrative Receivers: Brian Mills and Peter Anthony Lawrence (office holder nos): 2305 and 4629 of Touche Ross, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3TR.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ST BRIDES CREATIVE SERVICES LIMITED
22 GREAT SUTTON STREET, LONDON, EC1V 0DE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at The Westminster Chamber of Commerce, 177 Regent Street, London on 1 November 1991 at 11.00 am, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Butcher Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on Wednesday 30 October 1991 and Thursday 31 October 1991.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless they attend in person a proxy at Butcher Phillips & Co., 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF no later than 12 noon on Thursday 31 October 1991. Secured creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
23 October 1991
J B W COWLESS
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
CITI CONNECTIONS TRANSPORT AND DESPATCH LIMITED
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company is to be held at 76 Newman Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB on 27 November 1991 at 3.00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Bailey & Co., Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. as from 25 November 1991.
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged at the registered office of the company situated at Bailey & Co. Chartered Accountants, 76 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7LB not later than 12 noon on 26 November 1991.
Dated 14 October 1991
C MONSFIELD
Director

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
GOLDTRACK LIMITED T/A J & J COMMERCIAL FLOORING
Notice is hereby given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH on Wednesday the 13th day of November 1991 at 3.00 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98(2)(b) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the Licensed Insolvency Practitioner dealing with the Company's affairs is Francis Wesely of 401 St John Street, London EC1V 4LH.
Dated this 23rd day of October 1991
By Order of the Board
J.P. LARETT, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

AVONDALE SUITE CENTRE LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Pomphston Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester on Monday 4 November 1991 at 12 o'clock noon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, Subsection (2)(a) of the Act, Mr Peter Lomas of Pomphston & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 22nd day of October 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D Birchall, Director.

CHANDOS LAND LIMITED
Registered Office: 17 Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, London, W1H 9DE.
Company Number: 1766177
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that on 12th September 1991, S A Frieze was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Secretary of State (Compulsory Winding-Up).
Creditors of the company who have not already done so should submit their proofs to me at the undermentioned address: - John Brooke North & Goodwin of Yorkshire House, East Parade, Leeds, LS1 5BD.
21st October 1991
S A Frieze, Liquidator.

IN THE MATTER OF GOODA GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD.
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 30 December 1991, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned A.D. Lewis of Arthur Andersen & Co., P.O. Box 55, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
10 October 1991
A.D. Lewis
Joint Liquidator

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 2408808.
Name of company: GOODA GROUP MANAGEMENT SERVICES LTD. Previous name of company: FINCHBRAY LTD. Nature of business: Service Company to Lloyd's Managing & Members Agency. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT Liquidators names and address: John Andrew Talbot and Alan David Lewis P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Office holder nos: 2731 & 5716. Date of appointment: 4 October 1991. By whom appointed: Creditors.
Date: 22-10-91

Notice of appointment of liquidator
voluntary winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of The Insolvency Act 1986
Company Number: 964319.
Name of company: GOODA WALKER LTD. Nature of business: Lloyd's Managing Agency. Type of liquidation: Creditors. Address of registered office: P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Liquidator name and address: John Andrew Talbot and Alan David Lewis P O Box 55 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT. Office holder nos: 2731 & 5716. Date of appointment: 4 October 1991. By whom appointed: Creditors.
Date: 22-10-91

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.

Britain gears up for the slow road to recovery

Despite the slump, EC transport ministers predict a doubling of goods carried by road during the next 20 years. Peter Watt reports

The fluctuating European commercial vehicle market has never been one for the faint-hearted, but its current roller-coaster ride is putting even the strongest stomachs to the test.

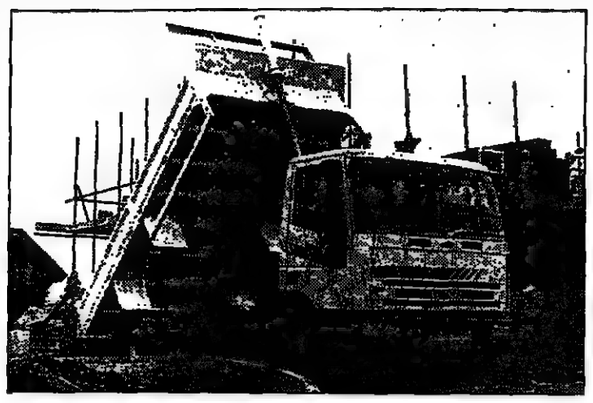
As the industry was still digesting the main regroupings of the previous year, 1991 has seen selling conditions ranging from boom in unified Germany to gloom in Britain, while the tide of new European legislation puts fresh demands on stretched investment budgets.

The British domestic market gives most concern. Sales of trucks weighing above 3.5 tons were 30 per cent down in 1990 compared with the rich pickings of 1989, but few expected this level of decline to continue.

In fact, the slump intensified: registrations this year to the end of September dropped by 38 per cent against the corresponding period in 1990, according to the latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT).

Production in Britain is at its lowest level for more than 30 years: one industry figure described conditions as "like trying to climb up an avalanche".

The new Cargo range, just entering production at Iveco Ford's Langley plant, at Slough in Berkshire, itself the recipient of £20 million investment in new equipment, is "the most important moment since Iveco Ford's formation in 1986", says Alan Fox, the managing director. The old 7.5-ton Cargo was Britain's best-selling truck. To ease the newcomer's introduction, Iveco Ford has decided to produce both old and new Cargoes in parallel.



Truck load: the "important" new Iveco Ford Cargo range

Leyland Daf, whose rival is the recently updated 45 series Roadrunner, will be hoping to benefit from any confusion.

But what of the road to recovery? Prevailing financial conditions, the growing age of the vehicle population in service, a firming of prices in the second-hand market, and hints that the larger fleets are thinking of re-ordering have given hope that the market has bottomed out.

There is even bold talk of recovery during 1992, and the comments of Scania (GB)'s managing director, Dieter Merz, are typical: "In the UK we are looking at the truck market above 16 tons going up by 20 per cent. We have seen positive signs, particularly in the area between north London and the borders."

In the light commercial sector, van sales were down by 19 per cent during 1990, which led the market leader Ford to predict a further 12 per cent drop this year. In reality, however, car-derived vans have fallen by 32 per cent and medium vans by 27 per cent. A slow recovery is in prospect for 1992. A bright note is the export drive from Ford, whose new Fiesta Courier model is expected to lift overseas shipments to 90,000 units next year.

On the Continent, the trading picture for commercial vehicles is not much more encouraging — unless you have a large stake in the German market.

Speculation of further rationalisation grows. Last year saw Volvo align with Renault, and Iveco take control of the Spanish firm Enasa, after a failed MAN/Mercedes joint bid, the latest stages in an evolutionary process that has seen three out of four truck makes disappear in 25 years. Increased collaboration is inevitable. The involvement of the Japanese could become significant, and Iveco's diesel engine development programme with Nissan is one example.

Looking ahead to 1992, analysts do not expect the sales in Germany to match this year's level, while the conditions in other markets are forecast to stabilise. In the longer term, the sales trend for car-derived vans, light commercials and trucks is upward.

European Community transport ministers have predicted that goods transported by road will double in Europe by 2010, a forecast which Giancarlo Boschetti, Iveco's chief executive, believes "must be taken very seriously". The single European market should also effect a harmonisation of truck pricing, though whether competitive forces will allow manufacturers to charge extra for the increased level of technology on vehicles remains to be seen.

With the lowest prices in Europe, rises in Britain seem inevitable, something that the large producers believe is long overdue.

Mr Merz at Scania says: "If prices came down to UK levels, there would be no truck makers left at all in five years."

DES JENSON

Scania (GB)'s managing director, Dieter Merz, is looking for a 20 per cent increase in British sales

Eastern Europe tempts the top makers

The Soviet Union is the world's largest truck manufacturer, but has to face the heat of competition in the new capitalist environment

The largest truck making nation in the world is not the United States, Japan or any country in Western Europe, but the Soviet Union. In 1988, out of a total of more than 850,000 trucks produced annually in the Soviet Union, KAMAZ, the largest individual manufacturer, made 100,000 vehicles.

Although it boasts the largest truck production facility in the world, KAMAZ has problems afflicting all Eastern European truck makers. Sten Langenius, the president of Volvo Trucks in Sweden, says: "They do not have money, technology, management, or the time to face Western technology." In his view, the survival of these manufacturers depends on co-operation with Western manufacturers.

Jelcz, the Polish manufacturer, which produces 5,000 trucks and 2,000 buses annually, signed a letter of intent for co-operation with Volvo in September. Jelcz is no stranger to Western cooperation, having had links with Renault Véhicules Industriels (RVI) in France and Steyr, of Austria, now owned by MAN, of Germany.

Scania, Volvo's Swedish rival, is adopting a similar approach. Joint ventures with companies in the Soviet Union, Poland, Hungary and Bulgaria have given Scania an embryonic sales and service network in Eastern Europe. Sales began only this year. So far, 100 trucks have been sold in Poland, 130 in the Soviet Union, six in Hungary and two in Bulgaria. Scania believes that a strong service network is central to its expansion, and has begun with one servicing centre placed in every country.

DAF, the Dutch truck maker, established service operations two years ago in Poland, the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Hungary. DAF's strategy is also to build up service operations before sales in these markets. The Dutch company has been involved in Eastern Europe since 1981. Joint ventures were first set up in Yugoslavia and Hungary.

Iveco, the European combine dominated by Fiat, also has joint ventures in Yugoslavia. Further expansion is planned, despite the civil war. Iveco has two distinct operations, one with Zastava, to build heavy vans weighing 3.5 tons, and another with TAM, the truck builder, to supply heavy trucks.

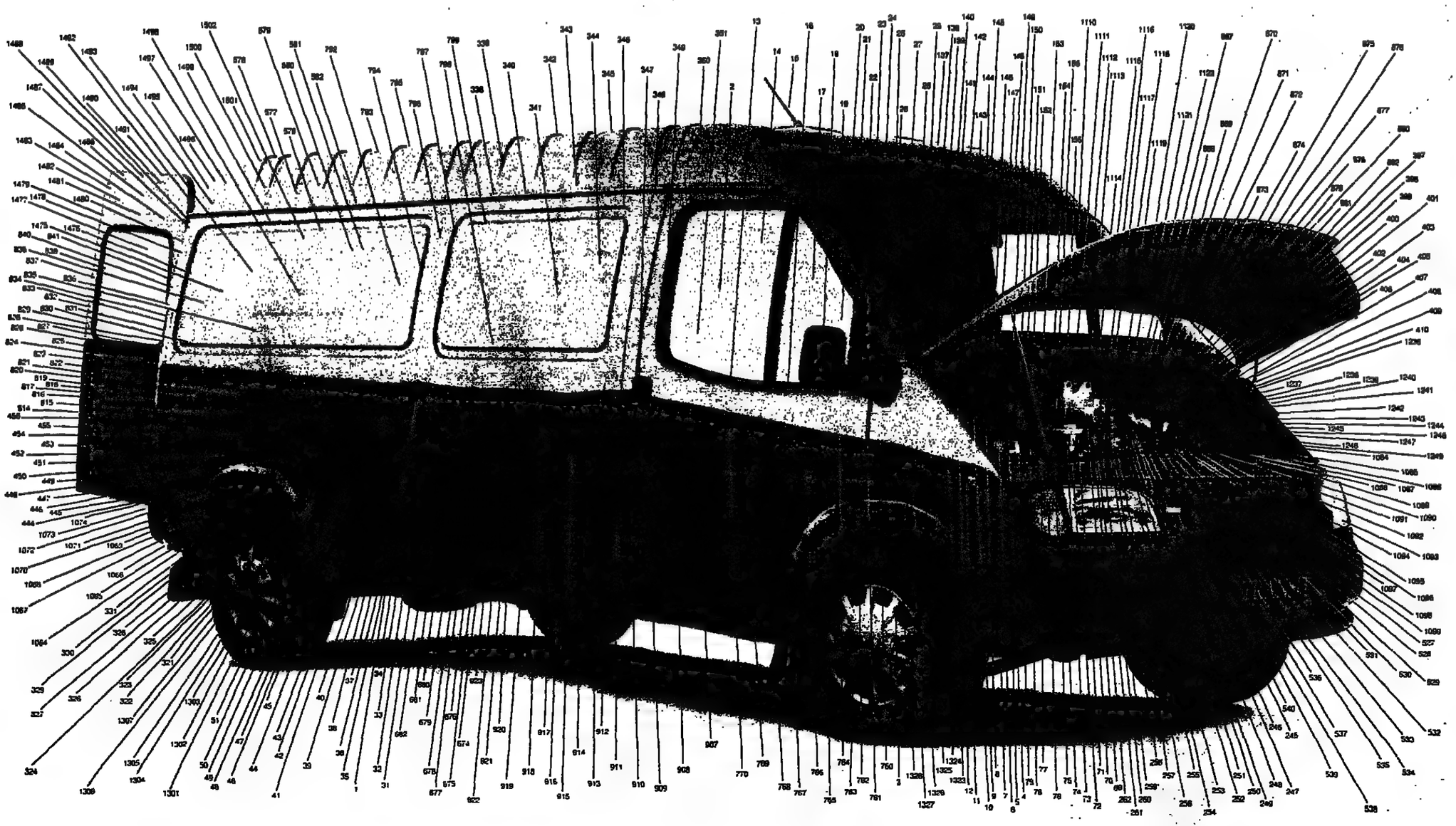
The reunification of Germany has ensured that both Mercedes-Benz and MAN are concentrating their efforts in eastern Germany. For Mercedes-Benz, the largest truck producer in the world, this means a joint venture at Ludwigsfelde, in the former East Germany. Mercedes-Benz will invest about one billion marks in a new plant, due to start production in 1994, making 40,000 vehicles a year and employing 4,000 people.

Eastern European manufacturers cannot match this productivity, which is high even by the present Western standards. According to Dr Paul Nieuwenhuis, the DAF Commercial Vehicle research fellow at the Centre for Automative Industry Research at Cardiff Business School, productivity in Eastern Europe is "one person, one truck per annum". KAMAZ employs about 130,000 people to produce 100,000 trucks every year. However, Dr Nieuwenhuis believes that the Soviet Union offers the best long-term opportunities for Western manufacturers.

"Development in Siberia will produce a strong demand for trucks to exploit mineral wealth and natural resources. The Finnish truck producer SISU and Hyundai, of Korea, have already negotiated contracts with the government," he says.

Some estimates suggest only 2 per cent of goods are carried by road in the Soviet Union, compared with 90 per cent in the UK. As Dr Nieuwenhuis points out, a small increase in consumer wealth can stimulate the truck industry. "Consumer goods need transport," he says. "People can afford televisions long before a car."

JOHN KENDALL



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Brave-faced Ford fights for sales

The market leader sets the pace and plans a new model for next year, Peter Watt writes

The slump in sales during 1990 and 1991 has literally set the van market back by a decade. Even if optimistic predictions come true, significantly fewer than 200,000 light commercial vehicles will find buyers this year, matching the lean times of the early 1980s.

Businesses will continue to be attracted to the flexible and economical transport offered by vans, however, and although it may be a long wait until buyers return in the record numbers of two years ago, the underlying level of growth in the market indicates that those days will return.

For this reason, activity in the market-place has continued unabated. Indeed, Ford, the leading seller of light commercials in Britain, put on a brave face and launched three vital new models during this year.

Of these, the most important is undoubtedly the updated Transit range, which has just reached the Ford dealers.

The Transit still looms large over the medium and heavy van market, taking 40 per cent of sales in its class, and is consistently the biggest selling commercial vehicle of any size in Britain.

The present version was launched in 1986 and has just been given its mid-life update. From the outside, the changes are subtle. Only regular van spotters are likely to notice the re-fashioned nose, for example.

Under the skin and for the driver, however, there are more fundamental alterations. On the engine front, Ford has finally matched the competition by installing a 100hp turbo diesel. This features an electronically controlled diesel injection system — a first for the van market.

Ford has also announced that it will be unveiling an all-weather, four-wheel-drive derivative for next year.

Of the rivals, Volkswagen has the freshest machinery to tackle the Transit, having pensioned off the rear-engined Transporter at the turn of the year in favour of a new, streamlined front-wheel-drive vehicle.

Although the new Transporter can threaten only the lighter Transits — its range extends to 2,800kg GVW rather than 3,500kg — its excellent handling and the availability for the first time of a chassis-cab version, to allow the fitment of alternative bodywork, make it a serious rival.

Volkswagen believes it now has the chance to become "a second major player", behind Ford, in the light commercial market by the mid 1990s, implying at least a trebling in sales volume, and has set up a network of dedicated van centres offering fixed-price maintenance. Thus far, however, its ambitions have been delayed by slow supplies of the Transporter reaching Britain.

The present runner-up in the Transit sector, Leyland Daf Vans, is doing well to retain the loyalty of the public utilities and local councils with its ageing 200 and 400 Series models.

Detail development continues and there is now a two-year/100,000-mile warranty, but whether this is enough until replacements, jointly developed with Renault, come on-stream in 1993-4 remains to be seen.

In the lighter car-derived van (CDV) market, Ford thinks the trend is towards large-capacity, dedicated vans, rather than estates or hatchbacks with their windows blanked out. Ford has backed this conviction with its new Escort and Fiesta Courier ranges.

The Escort, which was introduced in January, is a direct replacement for its predecessor, itself Britain's best-selling CDV, and combines an attractive purpose-built van body with the front end of the new Escort saloon. The company has already received substantial fleet orders.

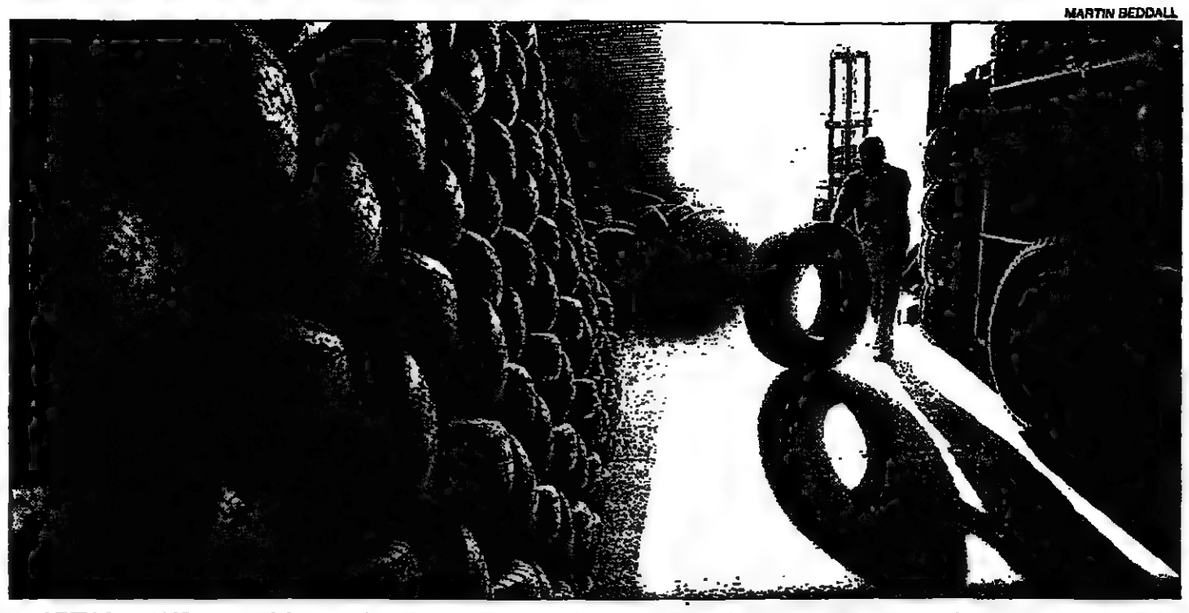
The Escort's success has not led the competition to invest in similar designs, however.

The recently launched Vauxhall Astra, for example, does not get a specialised van body. Instead, the old Astramax model continues in production in Portugal, while the new saloon has spawned the estate-derived Astravan.

Vauxhall has traditionally done well in this niche, though, and as Ford and Peugeot have recently withdrawn their estate-based models, the sleek new Astravan should retain its market position after its launch later this year.

Transformed: subtle changes maintain Transit's market lead

MARTIN BEDDALL



MANUFACTURING and supplying tyres for commercial vehicles is big business, almost £3 billion a year for the UK and Europe, *Colin Sowman writes*. For the European market in replacement tyres for heavy trucks, the various manufacturers' forecasts of sales for 1991, taken collectively, range between 7.8 and 8.5 million tyres. The forecast for the sales of tyres to manufacturers to put on new vehicles was just over three million tyres. The main tyre maker is Michelin, which had 20 per cent of the world market last year and the largest slice of the European market.

Costing the European commercial vehicle tyre market is complicated by the different ways British and continental makers work. In the UK, most trucks run without a spare wheel, to give an additional 115 kg of payload. To cater for trucks with no spare, the tyre fitting services have breakdown cover 24 hours a day, but the level of tyre breakdown cover in Britain does not extend across the English Channel. The UK-based National Tyre Distributors' Association, which counts all the large tyre-fitting services as members, is negotiating with tyre distributing companies in Europe to set up similar schemes.

Modern trucks may look familiar, but their technology outsmarts the average mechanic

Fitter's farewell to his set of spanners

The day of the simple truck, which could be maintained in somebody's yard with spanners and an oily rag, is fading fast. The latest models look the same but their technology is moving beyond the average fitter's grasp. For spanners, now substitute diagnostic packages, and for oily rag, read replacement black-box, *Peter Watt writes*.

It is hardly a surprise that commercial vehicles are becoming more sophisticated, but in recent years the rate of change has picked up significantly. Part of the reason has been the buyer's demand for more efficient trucks, but a more influential factor has been the need to keep up with vehicle legislation. These standards, applied on a pan-European basis, now play a large part in dictating the timetable for change and are adding to our fitter's problems.

The latest truck designs offer more than improved safety and friendliness to the environment. They boast features aimed at increasing productivity and helping the driver. Undoubtedly, the greatest challenge to truck manufacturers is getting their engines to meet the standards for exhaust emissions without compromising their vehicles' performances. Virtually all truck diesels now use turbochargers, and Iveco Ford's new Cargo range is a good example. To achieve the required range of outputs, even the less powerful engines use turbochargers, but with a much lower boost pressure than usual. Further up the weight range, the vast majority of recent truck engines have gone beyond basic turbocharging. They use an intercooler, which brings not only highe. outputs but also improved fuel consumption.

This efficiency benchmark is being challenged, however, by the world's first automotive turbo-compound engine just launched in its R113 model by Scania. Turbo-compounding uses a second turbine in the exhaust downstream from the normal turbo. This turbine extracts further energy from the exhaust gases, and feeds this back to the engine's flywheel via a geartrain. Scania says turbo-compounding boosts a diesel engine's overall efficiency to 46 per cent, up from 44 per cent for an intercooled design. That is, 46 per cent of the fuel's energy is converted into motive power.

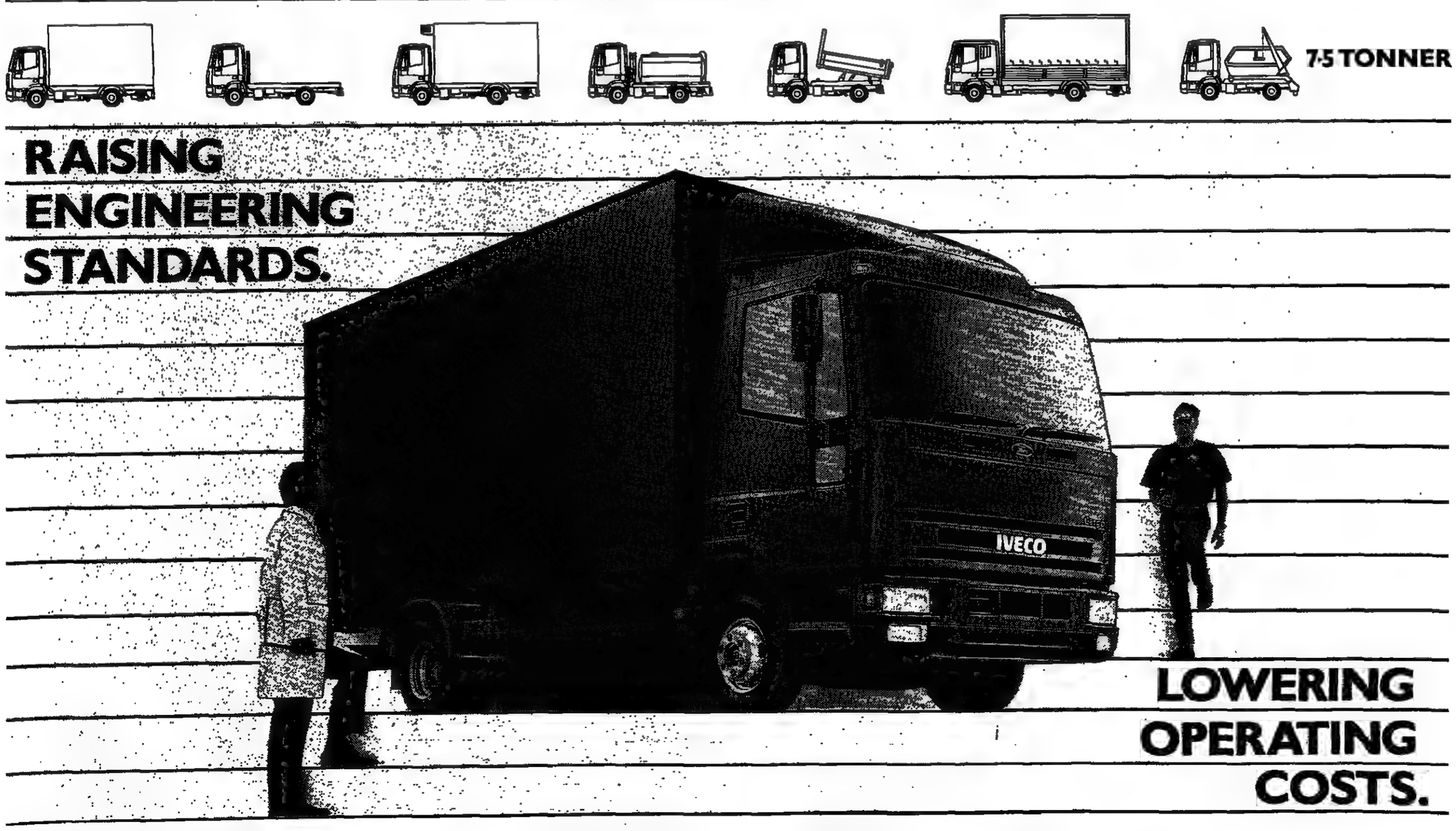
The use of electronics, though, is more likely to be the key to future power-plant development. An early example is Electronic Diesel Control (EDC), initially employed by Scania, and more recently by Volvo. EDC, which uses Bosch's injection technology, takes information from sensors on the vehicle and decides how much fuel is needed. Apart from efficiency and improved emissions, EDC brings benefits to the driver, such as cruise control.

A different vision is given by Volvo's City Filter, which anticipates the day when stricter controls on exhaust particulates, the black smoke seen on poorly maintained vehicles, may be the norm in urban areas. A ceramic filter traps 80 per cent of the particulates, which are burnt off harmlessly using an electric element.

Another growth area is the use of air suspension. The transport department has said any increase in vehicle weights in Britain will be tied into the use of "road-friendly" suspension. Air springs, aside from offering better protection for the load, are also kind to the road.

Drivers tired of fighting against stubborn multi-speed gearboxes will be relieved to know that developments in transmission technology are coming to their rescue. Renault has just introduced an automatic clutch system (ACS) for urban conditions, while Volvo has gone one step further with Geartronic — a fully automatic version of its 12-speed truck transmission with "economy" and "performance" modes.

Neither system has a clutch pedal, but whereas the ACS driver selects gears manually, Geartronic uses a computer, and unless overridden, will control gear-changing automatically, leaving the driver free to concentrate.



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NEW RELEASES

◆ BOYZ N THE HOOD (15): Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr. Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ DEAD AGAIN (15): An L.A. scissor murder from the Forties returns to haunt Kenneth Branagh and Emma Thompson. Nonsensical, over-the-top suspense thriller. Branagh directs. Cannons: Fulham Road (071 370 2636) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Empire (071-437 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

DOCTEUR PETIOT (12): French serial killer (Michel Serrault, chilling) scumes round Nazi-occupied Paris. Boldly styled in German Expressionist hues: director, Christian de Chalonge. Everyman (071-435 1525)

◆ FLIRTING (12): Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan. With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

HOMICIDE (15): David Mamet's study of a Jewish cop in New York's snake pit: stunted as drama, but a vivid picture of urban hell. Starring Joe Mantegna. Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

MORTAL THOUGHTS (15): Brutal hubby gets his throat slashed; wife and best friend have blood on their hands, and the police on their tail. Stylish, brooding drama, with Demi Moore, Glenne Headly, Bruce Willis. Director, Alan Rudolph. Odeon West End (0426 915574)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

CURRENT

AUNT JULIA AND THE SCRIPTWRITER (12): Gauche lad (Keanu Reeves) falls for feisty aunt (Barbara Hershey), while a soap opera writer (Peter Falk) weaves magic spells. Zestful treatment of Mario Vargas Llosa's multi-layered novel. Director, Jon Amiel. Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

CITY SLICKERS (12): Over-stretched sentimental comedy, with Billy Crystal and chums solving mid-life crises during a cattle trek. Starring Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Helen Slater. Director, Ron Underwood. Odeon Leicester Square (0426 915683).

◆ THE COMMITMENTS (15): Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker. Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Marble Arch (0426 914501) Plaza (071-497 9905) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

DEKALOG PARTS 5 AND 6 (18): A devastating analysis of a senseless murder, plus a voyeur's sad tale — two of the best from Krzysztof Kieslowski's Ten Commandments cycle. Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ EDWARD II (18): Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers; Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen. Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

LET HIM HAVE IT (15): An epileptic youngster's road to the hangman's noose. Sombre, powerful drama about the 1952 Craig/Bentley case. Chris Eccleston, Paul Reynolds, Tom Courtenay; director, Peter Medak. Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683)

◆ MEETING VENUS (12): Backstage dramas while staging *Tannhäuser* in Paris; adroitly observed, but lacking punch. Starring Niels Arestrup, Glenn Close, directed by Istvan Szabó, produced by David Puttnam. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Plaza (071-497 9999).

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris: director, Stephen Gyllenhaal. Premiere (071-439 4470)

◆ PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15): Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting. Barbican (071-638 8891) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

◆ THE RESCUERS DOWN UNDER (U): The star mice from Disney's 1977 *The Rescuers* return to rescue a kidnapped boy. Unambitious cartoon feature for the easily pleased. Directors, Hendel Butoy, Mike Gabriel. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

■ BECKET: Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop. Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins.

□ A BRIGHT LIGHT SHINING: David Ashton's excellent, first full-length play about a lucrative visionary experience in a Scottish village: vivid, funny, wise. Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388) Mon-Sat, 8pm. 140mins. Final week.

◪ CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS: Hell in rural California: revival of Sam Shepard's brutal drama of family life, powerful but unremitting. The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 130mins

□ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's Olivier Award-winning memory-play. Performances look a bit tired. Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

◪ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average French-boulevard farce. Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. 135mins.

□ GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY: Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits. Boring plot but no matter. Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132) Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins

□ THE INVISIBLE MAN: Jon Finch in many stage version of H.G. Wells's thriller. Mind-baffling special effects. Theatre Royal Stratford East, Gerry Raffles Square, E15 (081-534 0310) Mon-Sat, 8pm. 150mins

■ JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT: Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival. Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037) Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins

□ KVETCH: Steven Berkoff's trip into the East End Jewish psyche: vivid but thinnish. Co-stars Anita Dobson. Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

□ PECONG: Thrilling version of Medea set on a Caribbean isle. Sizzling performances led by Jenny Jules. Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 168mins. Final week.

□ THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES: Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time. Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300) Part 1: Mon, Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2: Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm. 150mins each.

□ RICHARD II: Alex Jennings and Anton Lesser as icy king and tough usurper in keenly argued (though long), vivid production. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm. 210mins.

□ A SWELL PARTY: Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and very melodies. Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987) Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins

□ TARTUFFE: Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins.

□ THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION: The cult stage version of cult television show, performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats. Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Fri, 8.30pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

□ A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS: Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun. Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

□ WAITING FOR GODOT: Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play. Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 160mins.

□ WHEN SHE DANCED: Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065) Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: □ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ◪ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ◪ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . □ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ■ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . □ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) . . . □ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) □ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . □ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ◪ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . □ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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TODAY'S EVENTS

THE QUEEN'S PICTURES: The inaugural show for the temporary exhibition space of the National Gallery's Sainsbury Wing brings together the cream of the Royal Collection, including masterpieces by Holbein, Rubens, Van Dyck, and Vermeer, as well as works by important British portraitists and Victorian artists. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (071-839 3321). Daily, 10am-6pm, until January 19

ANTHONY CARO: When Henry Moore died, Anthony Caro was the main claimant to the title of greatest living British sculptor. This is not the retrospective that might prove the point, but an impressive small exhibition of large recent works — the biggest, *After Olympia*, 76 ft long. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 1313). Mon-Sat, 10am-5.30pm, Sun, 2-5.30pm, until January 5

JAZZ SPECTACULAR: A programme of jazz classics performed by three bands and individually by veteran British jazzmen Kenny Ball, Acker Bilk and Humphrey Lyttelton. Guest appearances by two Americans, pianist Oliver Jones and clarinettist Bob Wilber, are promised. Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

TARTUFFE: After a successful world tour, Jalanda Verma's acclaimed production of Molière returns to the Lyttelton for eight performances. Lyttelton Theatre, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 2252), 7.30pm

IT'S RALPH: Hugh Whitemore's latest play, opening at the Comedy Theatre tonight, stars Timothy West as Andrew, a successful television presenter happy with his literary agent wife (Connie Booth) and looking forward to some days in his country cottage when a friend from his past (Jack Shepherd) drops in. Is he after blackmail? Will Andrew's life, like his damp ceiling, cave in? Whitemore's other plays include *Stevie*, *Breaking the Code* and *The Best of Friends*. Clifford Williams directs; designs by Carl Toms. Comedy Theatre, Panton Street, London SW1 (071-867 1045), 7pm.

ENGLISH NATIONAL BALLET: John Cranko's romantic masterpiece, *Onegin*, based on Pushkin's poem "Eugene Onegin" and with music by Tchaikovsky, is revived by the company at the beginning of its autumn season. In tonight's performance the leading role is taken by Dutchman Benito Marcellino, who makes his debut with the company. Tatiana is danced by Renata Calderini and Lenski is played by Thomas Edur. Mayflower Theatre, Commercial Road, Southampton (0703 333001), 7.30pm.

GUYS AND DOLLS: Karen Stephens and Chris White direct members of the Young Vic Youth Theatre in a new production of the ever-popular musical. Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut, London SE1 (071-928 6363), 7.30pm.

AMADEUS: Richard McCabe portrays Mozart in Compass Theatre's revival of Peter Shaffer's award-winning play, about the 18th century rivalry between Mozart and Salieri, on tour until the end of November. Tim Pigott-Smith plays Salieri, alongside celebrated actress and singer Toyah Willcox as Mozart's suffering wife, Constanze. Next stop is the Theatre Royal, Bath. Theatre Royal, New Road, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.30pm.

LONDON BACH FESTIVAL: Broadcaster and writer Nicholas Anderson opens the festival with an introductory talk entitled "Music in Society: Bach at Leipzig". The first concert in the series is given on Thursday by the London Bach Society under Nicholas Kraemer, with Patrizia Kwella, Monica Groop, Ian Partridge, Peter Savidge, the Ragian Baroque Singers, and the Steinitz Bach Players performing Bach cantatas (Gott, der Herr, ist Sonn' und Schild, BWV 79; Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 80) and his Suite No 21 in C. St Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1 (Box office: 0883 717372), 2pm.

SEAL: The singer, whose chart-topping self-titled recording debut has sold half a million in Britain alone, ends his first British tour at Hammersmith. Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (081-748 4081), 7.30pm.

Great ambition realised

DANCE

Choreartium
Birmingham Hippodrome

THERE were people at Birmingham Royal Ballet's new production of *Choreartium* who remembered, from their distant youth, the fuss there was in 1933 at Leonide Massine's effrontery in choreographing Brahms's Fourth Symphony. We take that in our stride now, and the only question is: how good is this ballet? The answer must be: not quite as good as people thought in the 1930s, but a lot better than most danceworks being made today and, incidentally, far better than could be thought from its only other British performances when Massine's own company brought it to Edinburgh in 1960 with a mostly inferior cast.

The ballet's first great virtue is the sheer ambition of Massine's aim; not just to fit dances to music but, as he wrote in his autobiography, to recreate with human bodies the feeling of physical grandeur he experienced in the ruined Temple of the Giants at Selinus, in Sicily. Consequently, the choreography is full of big, proud gestures and great sculptural groupings. But it is also immensely varied, not only according to the music's moods but in texture, pattern and treatment.

Above all, Massine created a complexity of detailed, distinct choreography, not just for the ten soloists but for the entire ensemble. His patterns extend across the whole stage in contrast and variety, but are always possible for the eye to take in at once (this is surely something learned from his study of paintings).

The first movement, Allegro non troppo, deploying three leading women, two leading men and a large ensemble, is like an intensive, abstract treatment of the heroic themes from Massine's first symphonic ballet, *Les Présages* to Tchaikovsky's Fifth, created earlier the same year. (It has not been seen in Britain since 1947).

The second movement, Andante moderato, sets a solo woman against a long line of 18 women, in simple movements vividly expressive of grief, yearning and hope. In strong contrast, the scherzo, Allegro giocoso, is like a group of revellers at a summer carnival, led by two new pairs of soloists. All the soloists and most of the supporting dancers are brought into the theme and variations of the final chaconne, Allegro energico e passionato, where the choreography grows from a brooding, almost sinister beginning to a bold, assertive conclusion.

The ballet is authoritatively staged by Tatiana Leskova. New designs by Nadine Baylis preserve the general lines of the striking original costumes, including heeled shoes worn by the men with their tights: a subtle detail contributing to the robustness of the choreography.

From what I saw of some of the original principals much later in their careers, today's dancers mostly do not project such intense stage personalities, but there need be no niggling about the skill or commitment of the performers, with notable passages from Karen Donovan, Joseph Cipolla and Jane Billson in the first movement, Samira Saidi in the second, Sandra Madgwick and Michael O'Hare in the third. Special praise must go also to the entire ensemble, who deserve individual listing in the programme rather than an anonymous reference to "full corps de ballet". There was capable playing from the Royal Ballet Sinfonia under Lionel Friend, but their present aspirations as a concert orchestra make me hope for more power at later performances.

JOHN PERCIVAL

Grand work: Karen Donovan and Joseph Cipolla in *Choreartium*

POP

Barry Manilow
Wembley Arena

BARRY MANILOW'S British fans are famed for their devotion to the Brooklyn-born star. They aim fierce concentrations of what they call Manilove — or, more inexplicably, Manilust — in the direction of their hero. On Thursday several thousand disr. pted traffic in Piccadilly Circus as they queued to meet Manilow at a record shop. Hours later they arrived at Wembley, many still toting signed albums and foldaway queue-seats.

Inside the venue the atmosphere was foot-stompingly electric. (Given a bit more denim, the crowd could have been any rock audience.) It was because that night was the first London performance of Manilow's Showstoppers Stage Show.

And "performance" is the right word. Showstoppers is the singer's tribute to the Broadway musical theatre, an attempt to impose Broadway's opulent production values on the pop arena. There was a proscenium arch, footlights and glittery curtains. And in the midst of it all there was Manilow and five chorus girls and boys, recreating the hits of Frank Loesser, the Gershwins and Rodgers and Hammerstein.

One's first reaction was a sense of surprise that he had not thought of it before. Manilow's own pop songs have always possessed the same finely-tuned structuring and splashy timing as the music of classic Broadway. That, coupled with the star's self-proclaimed appreciation of kitsch, made Showstoppers a revue waiting to happen.

Naturally he commenced with "Give My Regards To Broadway". Then came selections from *Gypsy*, *Guys and Dolls* and — surely some mistake? — *Cats*. Each was accompanied by a choreographed set-piece that could have done with a few more spangly dancers to make up numbers, but was enjoyable none the less.

Manilow got around to his own stuff in the second hour. In keeping with his theme, his hits were adapted to the styles of various musicals. "Even Now", for instance, was *My Fair Lady*-sprightly, while "Mandy" was done *à la* "great barbershop quartet era". It is to be hoped that Manilow has not seen *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.

The show was most entertaining. Disappointing, though, that the audience confined itself to loud cheering rather than a more untrammelled display of Manilust. "We don't throw knickers," one lady said, indignantly. "That's Tom Jones fans."

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/Howarth
Maurizio Pollini
Festival Hall

IN THE late 1950s, when the music of Boulez, Stockhausen and Berio was at its most knotty, the arrival of Ligeti seemed to bring a reborn sensuousness and a radical simplification: this was music that made its points amply, in the large, if with an exquisite care for the detail of texture. Since then, of course, the world has turned, but Ligeti has maintained his critical position with regard to it, so that now he sounds out as a lone voice of sophistication and complexity.

What has not changed, though, is his scrupulousness, which, perhaps because the substance is presently so much more intricate, has cut down his output to a trickle. Since his opera *Le Grand Macabre* was finished in 1977, there have been only four major works: the Horn Trio, the uncompleted set of piano Etudes, the Piano Concerto, and most recently the Violin Concerto, which had its first British performance on Saturday.

Even this is still not finished. As before with the Piano Concerto, Ligeti has released a preliminary version consisting of three movements, with the promise of two more to come. The first is quick, and instantly, in the solo violin line, shoots off in crippled ostinato figures out of which larger, slower shapes begin to be heard. We are in the land, as Ligeti has said, of fractal geometry, the wonderland of forms made out of constituents each of which is an example of that form, and so on. At the same time, this wonderland is the composer's home territory of Transylvania, with folksy contributions from solo woodwinds in the spinning.

Pollini: genies without parallel

The second movement is slow, one of Ligeti's passacaglias, where he uses the ancient form both as a prototype of nested structures, and as an illusion, undercut by slippery harmony. Its start is strange and marvellous: a soft, gentle duet for clarinets in their lowest register, eventually joined by the violin soloist octaves above. And it is towards the upper treble that the movement makes its journey, although on the way it passes through regions of quavering harmony, where the woodwind players turn to recorder and ocarinas, and the trombone unsettles the bass with natural, untempered sounds.

After this comes another quick movement, which sounds convincingly final, with the brass rushing down to be caught by a gong stroke, although it is odd that the nominal soloist should be standing at this point as an observer. However, this has never been a concerto of display, any more than the Piano Concerto was: its virtuosities are the unostentatious ones of counting, of polyphonic playing, of balance and of intonation in sustained loopings through the upper air. The soloist, like the composer, has to be dedicated to a fiendish task of simple execution, never mind showing off.

Sashko Gawriloff, for whom both this piece and the Horn Trio were written, was brilliant and at times breathtaking, even if occasionally a narrower vibrato might possibly help a work which deals so much in fine subtleties of harmony and tuning. It would certainly have helped if we could have heard the performance at rather closer quarters: the Philharmonia fielded only a couple of dozen players for this spirited and fascinating performance under Elgar Howarth, and the audience too, sadly, was of a size that could have fitted comfortably into the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Attendance was much better for Maurizio Pollini's recital the previous night. He devoted the first half of his programme to Chopin's 24 Preludes, and to a quite astonishing realisation of what is uncomfortable about this set: a recognition of Chopin as the *poète maudit* of music. The performance began easily enough, but the mazurka steps of the A major prelude came with the pauses between phrases just an ominously little too long, as if what was being played was a memory of the piece rather than the piece itself; and then Pollini let loose his ferocity in the F sharp minor torrent.

This was a ferocity, as so often with him, of the bass: of a left hand seemingly truculent or troubled, but in any event weightily mindful and aware of consequences. This resistant bass voice rattled the hymnic security of the E major prelude, and brought awkwardness and turmoil to those in G sharp minor and E flat minor. But Pollini had other ways too of unveiling disquiet: wild, utterly incredible speed, especially in the B flat minor prelude, or a harshness of sound, making the music unwilling to yield to its own beauty, in the E flat major, or a lumpishness in the latter's C minor successor. Nobody else can make Chopin sound like this. Nobody else can make the piano sound like this.

After the interval there was more astonishment, in the last six of Debussy's Etudes and Stravinsky's *Three Movements from Petrushka*, but it was the Chopin that caused the earthquake in one's musical conceptions.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

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WORD-WATCHING

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LAPIDAIRES
(b) Medieval French works that expounded the talismanic properties of precious stones, sometimes accompanied by allegorical interpretations. Examples of lapidaires occur in the 12th century, eg by Philippe Thaon.

ORTA OYUNU
(c) "The middle play", a kind of Turkish folk drama, like *commedia dell' arte*. The characters are Turkish regional types, and the actors imitate their dialects while depicting their occupations.

DIPODY
(c) A pair of metrical feet which are taken as a single unit, common in children's nursery rhymes and ballads. Quinquereme of Nineveh/from distant Ophir. The cold queen of England/is looking in the glass.

BLAZON
(a) Used by the followers of Petrarchism to describe verses that dwelt upon and detailed the various parts of a woman's body. "Her breast like to a bowl of cream uncradled,/Her paps like lilies budded."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Estrada — Gligoric, Varna 1962. How did black deal with white's powerful knight on d6?

Solution: 1 ... Rxd6! 2 Qxd6 (2 exd6 Qh1+) 2 ... Rd8! 3 Qxe7 Rd1 mate

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9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on infertility – should treatment be free? **9.50 Hot Chefs.** Paul Gayler prepares a vegetarian dish – salade of roasted vegetables with mozzarella and polenta croutons
10.00 News, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 The Family Ness** (r) **10.35 Antiques Roadshow Gems.** Hugh Scully dips into the archives and picks out a painting on a shirt cuff and an early sketch by Millais
11.00 News, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Quiz show for families (s) **11.30 People Today.** Russell Grant goes on patrol with the New York police department; Tim Grundy talks to pop star Alice Cooper; and Philip Hodson has advice on emotional problems. Includes **News,** *regional news and weather at 12.00*
12.20 Pebble Mill. Today's guest in the foyer is artist Beryl Cook **12.55 Regional news** and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News and weather
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) **1.50 Four Square.** General knowledge quiz game hosted by John Sachs (s)
2.15 Knots Landing. West coast spin-off from the *Dallas* saga. In this episode, Abby is beside herself with grief when she discovers her daughter has eloped with a gangster **3.00 Better Than New.** Albert Jackson and David Day illustrate how to renovate furniture (r) **3.25 The Hogan Family.** American domestic comedy series
3.50 Penny Crayon. Animated series (r) **4.00 Harum Scarum.** Three picture book stories told by Celia Imrie, Willie Rushton and Saeed Jaffrey (s) **4.10 The New Adventures of Mighty Mouse** (r) **4.25 Pigsty.** Animation **4.35 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles.** (Ceefax)
5.00 Newsround with Juliet Morris **5.05 Blue Peter** presented by Yvette Fielding, John Leslie and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceefax) (s)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Jill Dando. Weather
6.30 Regional News magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours
7.00 Wogan. Tonight's guests include Mark Greenstreet, Alex Higgins and Auberon Waugh. Music is provided by Take That (s)
7.30 Watchdog. Consumer affairs magazine
8.00 Telly Addicts. In the first of the quarter-finals of the television programme quiz the Jones family from Worcester and Bristol meet the Marks family from Southgate in north London

Baby talk: a goldfish bowl enshrouded Martha Holmes (8.30pm)

8.30 *Sea Trek: The Great Barrier Reef.*
● CHOICE: Any television programme about which it is said that it features "the greatest sex show on earth" can be assured of a sizeable audience. It would, presumably, include some viewers who would not normally be seen dead watching a film about humans gliding through the world of the fish. But more of this later. *Sea Trek* is presented subaqueously by two amphibians, Martha Holmes and Mike deGruy, who have their heads stuck in gigantic goldfish bowls. These allow them to talk, and the built-in microphone allows us to hear them, though not perfectly because of the air bubbles. They never stop talking. Even when they break surface and tread water, they talk. But back to the sex. Tonight's film climaxes with an astonishing sequence in which the world's most famous coral releases so many eggs and sperm that the goldfish bowl duo are rendered invisible and (almost) speechless. (Ceefax)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather
9.30 Panorama. David Dimbleby chairs a debate on how the UK should respond to the rapidly growing number of refugees seeking residence in Britain. Among those taking part are Roy Hattersley, MP, and Anthony Scrivener, QC, chairman of the Bar Council
10.10 Cop Rock. Very strange musical drama about the Los Angeles police, created by Steven Bochco who was responsible for *Hill Street Blues*. Northern Ireland: Now and Then 10.40 The Stand
11.00 The Victorian Kitchen. Ruth Mott recreates a Victorian afternoon tea comprising strawberry ice-cream, caraway-seed cake, cucumber sandwiches and claret cup flavoured with borage (r). (Ceefax). Wales: Face Off; Northern Ireland: 11.20 Cop Rock
11.30 Skillshop. Magazine series with advice on jobs and training. Wales: The Victorian Kitchen
12.00 Weather. Wales: Skillshop; Northern Ireland: 12.10am The Victorian Kitchen 12.40-1.10 Skillshop

BBC 2

6.00 News
8.15 Six Faces of Royalty. Elizabeth I is the subject of Roy Strong's second programme in the series in which he looks for clues to the real character and personality of English sovereigns in the way they have been painted (r)
8.30 Forgotten Pilots. David Lomax with the story of women who flew for the Air Transport Auxiliary during the second world war (r)
9.00 Daytime on 2: In the Know. (Ceefax) **9.10** Lemexpress **9.25** Mathsphere **9.45** Storytime **10.00** Mathscope **10.18** Music Time (s) **10.40** Working as a dental technician **11.00** Zig Zag: The Vikings **11.22** Think About Science **11.35** Housing Problems in Tokyo **11.55** The Soviet Union's economic plight **12.15** History File **12.35** Careers: Getting into Television **1.00** Science in Action **1.20** Forget-Me-Not Farm **1.30** Jimbo and the Jet Set **1.40** Victorian Children
2.00 News and weather followed by **Storytime** (r) **2.15 Westminster Reports** (r). Northern Ireland: A Taste of Ireland; Wales: A Crumbling Heritage **2.45 Science and Society.** The science of echography which measures the inside of objects using ultrasound
3.00 News and weather followed by **Songs of Praise** from Chapel Street Methodist Church, Penzance (r). (Ceefax) (s) **3.40 Canvas.** Yvonne Mitchell is in the Louvre admiring the Venus de Milo, the statue found in a field in 1820 (r) **3.50 News,** regional news and weather
4.00 The Nutt House. American comedy series (r) **4.25 The History Man.** Brian McNamee visits Cherryburn, on the Tyne, the birthplace of master engraver Thomas Bewick (r) **4.30 Trivial Pursuit.** Rory McGrath invites four contestants to play the television version of the popular board game (r). (Ceefax)

Colin Parry and Glenys Kinnock with Mavis Nicholson (5.00pm)

5.00 Relatively Speaking. In this first of a new series, Mavis Nicholson talks to Glenys Kinnock and her brother Colin Parry about their early roots in politics
5.30 One in Four. This week's edition of the magazine series on disability matters examines the issue of race and disability from an American viewpoint
6.00 DEF II begins with **Fresh Prince of Bel-Air.** The start of the second series of adventures about a street-wise native of inner-city Philadelphia living with his rich relations in California **6.45 Dance Energy** presented by Normski. Club and music magazine with, performing live in the studio, Rozalla and Siamat and Lime (s)
7.15 Animation Now. *Toxic Waste* – a lighthearted look at the environment
7.30 *Open Space: Bleating Over Europe.* *David Wilkins, on behalf of* Eurogroup for Animal Welfare, puts the case against the inhumane transportation of farm animals across Europe. (Ceefax)
8.00 Nature: Secrets in the Sands. David Jessel investigates the Aborigines' complaint that they cannot return to their tribal homelands because they were used by the British as a nuclear test site. (Ceefax)
8.30 Film: Choices (1986) starring George C. Scott and Jacqueline Bisset. A drama about a right-to-life judge who is faced with a moral dilemma when his young wife and his unwed teenage daughter both have unwanted pregnancies. Directed by David Lowell Rich. (Ceefax)
10.00 Naked Video. Comedy from the Scottish team of Louise Beattie, Gregor Fisher, Andy Gray, Helen Lederer, Tony Roper, Ealine C. Smith and Jonathan Watson. (Ceefax) (s)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Peter Snow
11.15 The Late Show. *Granta* magazine editor Bill Buford and journalist Stuart Cosgrove explore the world of the football hooligan. Plus music from the band Primal Scream (s)
11.55 Weather

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Jeopardy! Quiz game **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . With Mike Scott
10.40 This Morning. Family magazine
12.10 Rosie and Jim. Puppet series for children
12.30 News. (Oracle) Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 Home and Away. (Oracle) **1.50 A Country Practice** (s)
2.20 Thames Help. Jackie Sprecklу previews her week's series on adventurous activities for young people **2.50 A Place in the Sun.** The first of a new six-part series on holiday homes in the sun. This afternoon – a visit to Richard Branson's Caribbean island
3.15 ITN News 3.20 Thames News 3.25 Families (s)
3.55 The Sooty Show. The guest is swimmer Duncan Goodhew (s) **4.15 Tiny Toon Adventures 4.40 Cartoon** starring Speedy Gonzales (r) **4.50 How 2.** Young people's questions answered
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge contest for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness
5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 Thames Help. Jackie Sprecklу joins the Scouts in the first of a new series on adventurous activities for young people
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle)
6.30 Thames News. (Oracle) Weather
7.00 The Krypton Factor. The first heat of group C. (Oracle) (s)
7.30 Coronation Street. (Oracle)
8.00 Strike It Lucky. Game show hosted by Michael Barrymore (s)
8.30 World in Action: The Most Dangerous Job in the World.
● CHOICE: *With organisations being set up for the protection of* everything except Saddam Hussein and killer viruses, is it only a question of time before someone decides to form a society to save men like George Jesse Turner from themselves? Turner is a news cameraman of fearless calibre, and if you want to be reminded yet again of the risks he takes, watch his *World in Action* footage of the battle being waged against the burning oilfields of Kuwait. To get his film, Turner sometimes had to stand in oil that was as deep as his knees. It was oil, moreover, that could have re-ignited without warning. At best, his chances of escaping were nil. For the viewer, there is no respite from the tension that tonight's film generates since it also shows bomb disposal specialists in action in the same oilfields. The unexploded cluster bombs are buried in the sand. Just a touch, and up they go

Steak out: Leo McKern, left, and T.P. McKenna (9.00pm)

9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey.
● CHOICE: To misquote Horace: the Rumpolian mountain labours, and a ridiculous mouse is born. This is a statement of fact about, not a criticism of, the first in a new series of tales featuring John Mortimer's outrageous comedy creation. The rodent scuttles away when a cloche is ceremoniously lifted at La Maison Jean-Pierre, a top people's restaurant run by a volcanic master chef (T.P. McKenna) who refuses to serve Horace Rumpole (still played, thank Heavens, by Leo McKern) with humble steak and kidney pudding and mashed spuds. In plotting his Rumpole stories, Mortimer repeats the same basic trick. But this is true of all sitcoms. What distinguishes *Rumpole* is the ingenuity of the sub-plots, *plus the way everything is neatly tied together for the fade-out.* This happens again tonight. It is very good news indeed that *Rumpole of the Bailey* is back. (Oracle) (s)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) Weather **10.30 Thames News** and weather
10.40 Film: Policewoman Centrefold (1983) starring Melody Anderson and Ed Marinaro. A made-for-television drama about a policewoman in a small American town who sends glamour pictures of herself to a girlie magazine and when they are published wonders why everybody gives her the cold shoulder. Directed by Reza Badiyi
12.30am Sportsworld Extra. Highlights of the Volvo Masters golf
1.30 Hollywood Uncensored. Douglas Fairbanks Jr and Peter Fonda consider the history of Hollywood censorship
3.00 American College Football. North Carolina v North Carolina State
4.00 Queen – the Magic Years. A documentary celebration of the group's success (r) (s)
5.00 The Twilight Zone: Gramma. A tale of the supernatural (r)
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily
9.25 Schools
12.00 Right to Reply presented by Rory McGrath. Jonathan Ross responds to criticism that his recent shows have contained cruelty to animals (r)
12.30 Business Daily. Susannah Simons reports on the latest business news
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning series from the United States
2.00 Film: A Kid For Two Farthings (1955) starring Jonathan Ashmore, Celia Johnson, Diana Dors and Sidney James. A whimsical tale of a young London boy who buys a baby goat with one horn thinking it is a legendary unicorn with magical powers. Directed by Carol Reed, and not considered one of his best films
3.40 Film: A Bird in the Head (1946, b/w) starring the Three Stooges, in this comedy taking a paperhanging job in the home of an eccentric scientist who really wants them as guinea pigs for his experiments
4.00 Loads More Muck and Magic. The organic gardening series continues with Alan Gear returning to his native Lincolnshire to meet two organic gardeners who market their produce through a local co-operative. Meanwhile Rebecca Pow investigates the problems faced by a farmer in the process of converting to organic methods (r). (Teletext)
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Fast-moving general knowledge quiz show hosted by William G. Stewart
5.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and chat show presided over by Gay Byrne
6.00 The Wonder Years. Award-winning American comedy about growing up in the late 1960s. Fred Savage stars as Kevin, who is worried that his father is pulling strings to get him into the local baseball team (r)
6.30 Tonight With Jonathan Ross Joining Jonathan in the New York studio are actor Michael J. Fox, currently appearing in *Doc Hollywood*, controversial stand-up comedian Denis Leary and artist Elizabeth Tashjian who is obsessed with nuts, even going as far as setting up a nut museum (s)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 Comment
8.00 Brookside. Entertaining soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 Desmond's. The first of a new series, the third, of the comedy set in and around a south London barber's shop. Starring Norman Beaton, Carmen Munroe and Ram John Holder. (Teletext) (s)
9.00 Cutting Edge: Repomen. A new series of the acclaimed documentaries begins with a look at the work of Ian Hood and his two colleagues "Big Boy" and "Rover" who are in the business of re-possessing goods bought in instalments by people who cannot keep up the payments

Pawn: Ian Richardson and Judy Parfitt as his wife (10.00pm)

10.00 *The Gravy Train Goes East.*
● CHOICE: It was Malcolm Bradbury's serial *The Gravy Train*, screened on Channel 4 last year, that triumphantly challenged the general view that the European Community is no laughing matter. He renews the offensive in this, the sequel, which brings back most of the original cast, most notably, and most hilariously, Ian Richardson's Foreign Office pawn, Christoph Waltz's hapless idealist, and Jacques Sereys's devious EC mandarin. In the post-glasnost sequel, for reasons impossible to explain in less than a thousand words, the Brussels mandarin schemes to get a former Marxist-run Balkan country into the EC, while the British pawn is doing his damnedest to keep it out. Predictably, the pig-in-the-middle is the young idealist, now tenuously attached to the World Bank, but as much an Evelyn Waugh-type caricature as ever. (Teletext) (s)
11.05 Last Year in Germany. A documentary film charting the rapid and radical political changes in Germany and their effects on the daily lives of ordinary people. In German with English subtitles
1.00am Tonight With Jonathan Ross. A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30 (s). Ends at 1.30

TV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 2.20pm Gardens for All 2.50-3.15 *Graham Kerr* 6.25-7.00 Anglia News 10.40 Journeys 11.10 Loose Cannon 12.05-12.30 In Search Of...

BORDER
As London except: 1.50pm-3.15 Film: Splendour 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Monday 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.40 Film: In the Belly of the Whale 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling 1.35 Stephen King's This is Horror 2.50 Film: The Psychopath 3.40 America's Top Ten 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 2.20pm Graham Kerr 2.45-3.15 *Coming of Age* 5.10-5.40 Gardening Time 6.25-7.00 Central News 10.40 The Works 11.10 Film: Night of Terror 12.35am Prisoner 1.30 Film: Lola 3.20 Entertainment UK 4.20 Grand Ole Opry 4.50-5.30 Jobs

GRANADA
As London except: 1.50pm-3.15 Dramatic School 3.25-3.55 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 My Secret Identity 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 10.40 Open Eye 11.10 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.05am Coach 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling 1.35 Stephen King's...this is Horror 2.05 Film: The Psychopath 3.40 America's Top Ten 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.50pm The Sullivans 2.20-2.50 Gardening Time 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 What's On

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Primetime

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 Jack Thompson Down Under 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.45 Scottish Women 11.15 Fer Na Duilleig 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.40 Film: Death Car on the Freeway 2.30 CinemAttractions 3.00 America's Top Ten 3.30 Elvis – Aloha From Hawaii 4.30-5.30 The Silk Road

TSW
As London except: 2.20pm-3.50 The Young Doctors 3.23-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Wild About the West 10.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Mountbatten: The Last Viceroy 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling 1.35 Stephen King's...this is Horror 2.05 Film: The Psychopath 3.40 America's Top Ten 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 TSW Jobfinder

TVS
As London except: 2.15pm Coast to Coast People 2.45-3.15 Action! 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Country Ways 10.40-12.30 Film: Bang the Drum Slowly

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.10pm Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 10.40 The Silk Road II 11.35 In the Heat of the Night 12.35 Wrestling 1.35 Stephen King 2.05 Film: The Psychopath 3.40 Top Ten 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER
As London except: 1.50pm Sons and Daughters 2.20-2.50 Ronon on the Road 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Check It Out 10.40 O Sing Unto The Lord 11.10 Ryan's Four 12.25 Pop Profile 12.35 Superstars of Wrestling 1.35 Stephen King's...this is Horror 2.50 Film: The Psychopath 3.40 America's Top Ten 4.10 The Hit Man and Her 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 2.00pm Film: Deadly Nightshade 3.10-3.15 Cartoon 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Places of Parkin 10.40 Magnum 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30 Judith Krantz's I'll Take Manhattan 2.20 Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 3.00 Texas World Sport 3.50 Cue The Music 4.50-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C
Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Yogofon 12.00 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Melithrin 1.00 Fifteen to One 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 Film: A Kid for Two Farthings 3.40 Dennis 5.05 Mushroom Magic 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 The Munsters 5.30 Brookside 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 7.00 Pobol y Cwm 7.30 Sgorio 8.30 Y Byd Ar Beckwar 9.30 Paul Merton 10.00 LA Law 10.55 Lawyers 11.25 Reporter 12.25 Jonathan Ross 12.55-1.25 John McLaughlin/Jonas Hallberg

RTE 1
Starts: 10.00am Seasons of the Sea 10.55 Film: The Firefly 1.15 News followed by The Love Boat 2.15 Holiday Sport Special 5.30 A Country Practice 6.01 Str-One 6.30 Revolting Rhymes 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.30 Pure Drop 8.00 China Beach 9.00 News 9.20 Film: Someone to Watch Over Me 11.10 The Pogues 12.10 News 12.30 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 9.30am Bosco 10.00 Film: Diamonds on Wheels 11.30 Video Request Show 1.30 The Den 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.05 Cursai 7.30 Coronation Street 8.00 News followed by Baseball 9.00 Dear John 9.30 News followed by Boscanova Blues 10.00 Film: The Innocent 12.05 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 Maude 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Different Strokes 5.30 Beverlybad 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One Felse Move 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 All 8.00 All the Rivers Run 11.00 Love at First Sight 11.30 Hill Street Blues 12.30am The Outer Limits 1.30 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Beyond 2000 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm CBS News 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Our World 3.30 Our World: The Countryside Show 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 5.30 Newsline 8.30 Beyond 2000 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.30am Newsline 1.30 CBS News 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Just a Regular Kid (1990): A high school student contracts Aids
11.00 I Don't Know Who I Am (1990): A girl wishes to meet her real parents as her 16th birthday approaches
12.00 Options (1988): An American journalist travels to the African jungle to obtain the life story of a princess
2.00pm Fire: Trapped on the 37th Floor (1991): True-life drame about a couple of office workers trapped inside a burning Los Angeles skyscraper
4.00 Eagle's Wing (1979): British-made western about a renegade Indian and a trapper who fight for the possession of a white stallion
6.00 The Mirror Crack'd (1980): Agatha Christie whodunit, starring Elizabeth Taylor and Rock Hudson
8.00 Spies, Lies and Alibis (1989): Comedy about a pair of inept spies who plan a daring stock market fraud
9.40 US Top Ten
10.00 Keys to Freedom (1991): A sailor becomes involved in a world of intrigue and deception while on shore leave in Hong Kong. Starring David Warner
11.40 Erik the Viking (1989): Terry Jones's fantasy, starring Tim Robbins
1.15am Savage Island (1985): Women prisoners attempt to escape from their penitentiary on a tropical island
2.45 Mindgames (1989): A hitch-hiker turns an unsuspecting family's holiday into a nightmare
4.20 Weekend at Bernie's (1989): Comedy about a couple of teenagers who are determined to enjoy their weekend despite their host's untimely death. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am S.P.Y.S. (1974): A spoof of secret agent films. Starring Elliott Gould
8.00 The Uninvited (1944, b/w): Supernatural classic, starring Ray Milland and Ruth Hussey
9.40 Wherever She Goes (1951): Australian biopic of the pianist Eileen Joyce
11.05 Sea Devils (1953): Smuggler Rock Hudson becomes involved with a beautiful French spy (Yvonne DeCarlo)
12.40pm Gandhi (1982): Ben Kingsley stars in Richard Attenborough's epic
3.55 Heidi (1937, b/w): Shirley Temple
5.30 All About Eve (1950): Hollywood classic about an aspiring actress and her rise to stardom. Starring Bette Davis
8.15 Silent Voice (1987): A little-league baseball player vows never to play again until the world's superpowers agree to total nuclear disarmament. Starring Alex English
10.15 A Cry for Help (1989): True-life drama about an abused wife and her fight for the custody of her child
11.55 Glory (1989): American civil war drama, starring Matthew Broderick
2.00am Hanky Panky (1982): A secret agent (Gilda Radner) involves her staid architect-husband (Gene Wilder) in a search for top secret plans
3.50 Thank God it's Friday (1978): Dance contest drama. Ends at 5.20

THE COMEDY CHANNEL
● Via the Astra satellite.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 The New Lassie 5 To Blossom 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's Lucy 6.30 "F" Troop 7.00 McHale's Navy 7.30 The Addams Family 8.00 Partridge 8.30 Wings 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Here's Lucy 10.00 The Young Ones 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh-In

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.30am Aerobics 7.00 Indoor Tennis 9.00 Aerobics 9.30 WCW World Wide Wrestling *10.30 Aerobics 11.00 Red Line 12.00 Italian* League Football 2.00pm Watersports World 3.00 Scottish Football League 5.00 Super Trex 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 NFL Follies 7.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 8.00 Kick 9.00 Italian League Football 11.00 World of Adventure 12.00 Netbusters 12.30am WWF Primetime Wrestling

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
11.00am Tennis: Paris Open 5.00pm Boxing 6.00 Euro Fun Magazine 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Tennis: Paris Open 10.30 Football Euro Goals 11.30 Eurosport News

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Grand Prix Tennis de Lyons 8.30 Diesel Jeans Superbike 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Top Rank Boxing 11.00 World Series Baseball 1.00pm British Formula 3000 2.00 American College Football 4.00 World Cup Rowing 4.30 Gillette World Sport Special 5.00 Truckspeed 6.00 *World Series Baseball 8.00 Inside Track* 9.00 Revs 9.30 Rugby World Cup 1991 10.30 Johnny Walker Golf Report 10.40 Volvo PGA European Golf Tour 11.40 Spanish Football Highlights 12.10am French Rugby League: France v USSR

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 Simply Marvellous 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50pm What's Cooking 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 The Rich Also Cry 2.20 It's Your Lifestyle 4.30 Pets and People 2.55 *House Rules 3.50 Tax Break 4.00* Dick Van Dyke 4.30 American Gameshows 5.25 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 Morning Concert: Karłowicz (Serenade for Strings: Amadeus Chamber Orchestra of Poland under Agnieszka Duczkmal); Szymanowski (Study in B flat minor: Dennis Lee, piano)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Crusell (Clarinet Quartet No 1 *in E flat, Op 2*); Bach (French Suite in A minor, BWV 818a); Ravel (Le Tombeau de Couperin)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Szymanowski (Litany to the Virgin Mary; Violin Concerto No 1, Op 35; Three Fragments from Poems by Jan Kasprowicz)
9.35 Morning Sequence: Bach (Suite No 1 in C, BWV 1066); John Woolrich (Black Riddle); Vivaldi (Sonata in C minor, RV 53); Zemlinsky (Six Songs, Op 13); Gershwin (A Medley, George Gershwin Songbook); Stravinsky (Danses concertantes); Bach (Sonata in G minor, BWV 1030b); George Antheil (String Quartet No 3)
11.50 Vaughan Williams: Tudor Portraits. BBC Concert Orchestra and BBC Symphony Chorus under Gareth Morrell, with Della Jones, mezzo, Alan Opie, baritone, perform Three Portraits, The England of Elizabeth; Five Tudor Portraits (r) 1.00pm News
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert, live from St John's, Smith Square. Joanna MacGregor, piano, performs Scarlatti (Sonatas in A minor, E and D, Kk 175, 215 and 492); Simon Holt (Tauromaquia); Messiaen (Le Baiser, Vingt regards sur l'enfant Jésus); Bartók (Suite, Out of Doors)
2.00 Third Opinion (r)
2.45 The Virtuoso Viola: Lionel Tertis. The first of eight programmes exploring the rediscovery of the viola as a solo instrument. Brahms (Sonata in F minor, Op 120 No 1: Hamet Cohen, piano); Mendelssohn, arr Tertis (On Wings of Song; Song without Words, Op 19 No 1; Ethel Hobday, piano). 3.15 Lionel Tertis talks to Roy Plomley (r). 3.25 Mozart (Sinfonia Concertante in E flat, K 364: LPO under Harty, with Albert Sammons, violin
4.00 Sarah Walker, mezzo-soprano, and Robert Vignoles, piano, perform Charles Ives (In the Alley; At the River; Serenity; Romanzo di Central Park; Ann Street; The Side Show; The Circus Band); Debussy (Trois Chansons de Bilitis); Poulenc (L'Anguille; Carte postale; Hotel; Avant le cinéma); Honegger (Salute du Bartas); Gershwin, arr Vignoles (By Strauss); Gershwin (Three Times a Day; I Love to Rhyme; The Lorelei) (r)
4.55 Francis Grier: The organist and composer at Gloucester Cathedral in the first of two programmes. Bach (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor, BWV 537); Grier (Vigilia noctis); Mendelssohn (Sonata No 2 in C minor, Op 65)
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Mike Alfreds, the theatre director and founder of Shared Experience, talks about current productions for the Cambridge Theatre Company
7.30 EBU Concert live from Helsinki: Finnish RSO and Chamber Chorus under Eri Klas perform Crusell (Sinfonia Concertante in B flat, Op 3). 8.00 Inferno, by August Strindberg. Read by Martin Shaw. 8.20 J. M. Kraus (Funeral Cantata for Gustav III)
9.15 Gordon Fergus-Thompson, piano, performs Scriabin (*Sonata No 4 in F sharp*, Op 30); Rachmaninov (Three Etudes-tableaux, Op 39; No 5 in E flat minor; No 6 in D minor; No 9 in D; Sonata No 2 in B flat minor, Op 36, 1913)
10.05 Brahms: Ruud van der Meer, baritone, and Rudolf Jansen, piano, perform Lied, Op 3 No 6; Nachtigallen schwingen, Op 6 No 6; Abschied, Op 69 No 3; Im Garten am Seegestade, Op 70 No 1; Am Sonntagmorgen, Op 49 No 1; Frühlingslied, Op 85 No 5; Über die Heide, Op 86 No 4; Komm bald, Op 97 No 5; Trennung, Op 97 No 6; Auf die Kirchhofe, Op 105 No 4; Salamender, Op 107 No 2; Es schauen die Blumen, Op 96 No 3 (r)
10.30 Mixing It, with Robert Sandall and Mark Russell 11.30 News
11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Arnold (Overture, Tam O'Shanter; Quintet for Brass No 1, Op 73); Williamson (Pas de Quatre, Violin Concerto) (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55 *Shipping Forecast* 6.00 News Briefing; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.35 The Week on 4 8.43 Sic Transit: We Regret to Announce . . . The last programme in which David *Self explores modern leisure* travel with the help of the BBC sound archives (s) 8.58 Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week
10.00-10.30am The Litmus Test (FM only): A new series of the scientific quiz (s)
10.00 Daily Service Pilgrimage (LW only) from St Patrick's Church, Downpatrick
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Numbers. Read by Michael Hordern
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray joins the celebrations for the launch of Operation 2000, which aims to help women reach the boardroom; and talks to Princess Michael of Kent, incl 11.00 News
11.30 Money Box Live: 071-580 4411. Vincent Duggleby takes calls on how to best manage your money. Lines open from 10am
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Not As Funny As It Used to Be: Simon Hoggart presents the second in a six-part series celebrating 150 years of *Punch* magazine (s) 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping
2.00 News; Young Playwrights' Festival 1991: Part of the Furniture, by Trevor Lloyd. A mysterious man wants to rent a room, but why? Starring Adrian Edmondson, and at 3.00 Hair, by Paul Boakye. Mrs Foots is eager to get away from the talkative Mrs Pryce after the funeral of a friend. Mrs Pryce, however, has other ideas (s)
3.30 Conversation Piece: In the first of a new series, Sue MacGregor talks to the painter, crime writer and historical novelist Dorothy Dunnett
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Director Clare Venables talks to Robert Dawson-Scott about her new operatic venture (s)
4.45 Short Story: Tea and Dancing by Ronald Frame. Read by Lynn Farleigh
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 News
6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: *Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the* comedy panel game (s) (r)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 The Food Programme (r)
7.45 Young Playwrights' Festival 1991: The World, the Flesh and the Devil, by Gary Mitchell. A young Belfast couple's attempts to play out the American dream go awry, and at 8.45 Afrogoth Part 2, by Peter Kalu. A young black couple are haunted by an evil white vampire (s)
9.15 Worse Things Happen at Sea: Ian McIntyre observes the political and cultural scene
9.30 Kaleidoscope (s) (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Yoruba Girl Dancing, by Simi Bedford. Read by Adjoa Andoh (4 of 5)
11.00 Young Playwrights' Festival 1991: Slaughter in the Dark
● CHOICE: More witty lines packed into 30 minutes than I have heard in many a long play as blind chain-smoking private eye Jack Dunroody *investigates first a missing cat* and then a double murder, almost becoming the prime suspect himself. "I was in more trouble," he quips, "than a jaywalker being interviewed by the West Midlands serious crimes squad." A superior spoof, written by Marius Brill, with Paul B. Davies as Dunroody and Prunella Gee as Susie D'Amour. Guide dog Herbert is another star of the show; even getting himself a mention in the credits. Great fun (s)
11.30 In the Country: Cameron McNeish visits an ancient oak wood in Argyll (r)
12.00 News, incl 12.27am Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 World Service (LW only)

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TONY WHITE

East Anglian mirage: an 18-month-old camel called Gobi leads ponies across a Suffolk field after he had been bought by Sara Ling to add a bizarre attraction to her riding school at Easton

Heseltine rejects call for regional council tax bands

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

MICHAEL Heseltine yesterday rejected calls from some Conservative MPs for a regional banding of the new council tax, due to replace the poll tax in April 1993.

The environment secretary, facing fierce opposition when the poll tax replacement is put before Parliament later this week, challenged the Labour party to help the government to get it through and ensure the swift abolition of the poll tax.

Appearing to accept the time difficulties facing the council tax bill, to be included in the Queen's Speech on Thursday, he declared: "The one thing that can keep the poll tax in place beyond 1993 is the Labour party."

The government needs to pass the bill before calling a general election if it is to fulfil its pledge to end the poll tax in 1993. Even by cutting the detailed scrutiny of the bill to a minimum, ministers accept that it will be well into next year before it goes through the House of Lords.

The government is facing attempts by its own backbenchers to amend the bill to ensure that banding reflects the wide variations in regional house prices. John Marshall, Conservative MP for Hendon South, said yesterday that regional banding was needed to stop the tax adversely affecting people in London and the South-East.

Mr Heseltine, however, bluntly ruled out regional banding, saying that the government had carefully considered it. The more the government looked at it, the more anomalies it found.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, quickly rejected Mr Heseltine's call for co-operation. He said: "A totally new and untried tax cannot and should not be rushed through and that means that the poll tax lives on for yet another year if the Tories have their way. No self-respecting Opposition could inflict this on a long-suffering electorate. There is only one way to guarantee the end of the poll tax by 1993 and that is by adopting Labour's fair rates proposals."

Mr Heseltine said on the *Walden* programme on London Weekend Television: "If they want the poll tax to go — as I do — all they have got to do is help us replace it with what they know is a better system ... they must not hold it up." He went on: "We will make it clear that the Tory party is going to get rid of the poll tax as fast as we can and the only thing that can stop us is the Labour party."

Mr Gould told TV-am's *Frost on Sunday* programme: "There is no way we would keep the council tax because it is fundamentally flawed. It is basically unfair. It compresses liability so that those at the top end of the scale don't pay their fair share and, therefore, the rest of us have to pay more than we should."

Mr Gould acknowledged there was a "remote possibility" that an incoming Labour government would use the valuation of homes for the council tax as a means of moving to its modernised version of the old rates system. Labour's over-riding objective was to make sure that the poll tax was scrapped. Even if there were an election in June, Labour believed the quickest and most sure way of getting rid of the poll tax by the following April 1 would be to implement its fair rates proposals.

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Hurd opposes Maastricht agreement 'at any price'

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avoid Britain being isolated at Maastricht. On Friday he will meet Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, in Bonn, where they will explore the possibilities of a compromise on political union that could be vital to the summit's outcome.

Senior British government sources were attaching considerable significance to the talks. The sticking point is Germany's demand for greater powers for the European parliament. Mr Major is expected to agree that the parliament could have stronger powers for overseeing the European Commission but will oppose greater legislative influence in areas covered by the European council of ministers.

Mr Major will follow up his talks in Bonn with meetings with President Mitterrand of France, Giulio Andreotti, the Italian prime minister, and Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister. The Commons is to have a two-day debate on Europe next month to strengthen Mr Major's hand at Maastricht.

Mr Tebbit, in a call that will be echoed by the Conservative right, urged the prime minister to oppose moves towards a single currency. He said on BBC television: "If we cannot win the argument that a single currency would be politically unacceptable, not just in Britain but I think in France and Germany and other countries too, after a while ... we should say 'we cannot go along with it'." Asked whether he would like a "no" at Maastricht from the prime minister, Mr Tebbit replied: "Yes".

He added: "I accept there is a judgment that it might or might not be in a short-term economic interest to be in or out of a single currency. But it is not on that that I root my objections. It is on the loss of the ability to control our lives in this island."

Labour accused ministers of manoeuvring to stop a split in the Tory party. Gerald Kaufman, the shadow foreign secretary, said: "Yet again the Tory government is preparing for a European summit by planning a row, a confrontation, and British isolation. Yet again Britain's future in Europe is being governed not according to the nation's interests, but in an effort to keep the warring Tory party from splitting again ..."

Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "At the beginning of a crucial week, the Tory party is at sixes and sevens over Europe. The government is uncertain over economic union and suspicious of political union. Britain now risks isolation at Maastricht and a permanent place in the second division of Europe."

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Refugees speak of Zaire's collapse

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owned by Lebanese distributors remain intact," he said.

"We saw miners who have gone on strike marching towards town as we left, but they were orderly and shouted that they would continue their strike in support of Mr Tshieksidi (the recently deposed prime minister). I did not get a sense of the public being riled up. They were very passive. Very mute. It was the soldiers who led the rioting, but were often oddly polite."

Dozens of foreigners from Kinshasa, the capital, began crossing the Congo River by ferry to neighbouring Brazzaville, guarded by French paratroopers. Belgian paratroopers set off for the interior to protect expatriates to be evacuated to Kigali, Rwanda, and on boats from the southern river towns of Boma and Matadi to Congo's Atlantic port of Pointe Noire.

The Foreign Office broadcast messages on the BBC World Service telling Britons where to gather with one suitcase, food for 48 hours — and no pets.

In Brussels, the prime minister, Wilfried Martens, said that Belgium was sending military transport planes to 14 towns in its former colony to speed the evacuation.

Zaire's official prime minister, Mungul Diaka, defending his decision to accept President Mobutu's offer on October 23, said he was the president's oldest opponent, adding: "I have opposed his regime for 22 years." However, radical change had to come peacefully, through elections.

Mr Mungul said he wanted foreigners to return to Zaire to rebuild the country and was sharply critical of the way in which Western countries had severed economic and aid ties with Zaire in recent days.

"Every one must take their fair share of blame," he told Western reporters. "During 26 years, your respective governments supported this regime. Now that the Zairean people are fighting to obtain democracy, the West leaves. People could at least eat and drink under the dictatorship, but now they are beggars. The West should help us during this crisis or the people will think you are more for dictatorship than for democracy."

The exodus of foreign evacuees continued on yesterday with the arrival of 149 Europeans in the Congolese capital Brazzaville, witnesses said.

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Lessons in diplomacy

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others on the course, were trained in Moscow. Soviet diplomatic knowledge and skills, they insisted, were no less than those of the British, the only difference being that the world was viewed through red-tinted spectacles.

Leeds allows no such monolithic view. The diplomats play out all sides in current arguments over Europe or the Middle East. The only scenarios they have not yet acted out are the break-up of the Soviet Union or turmoil in Eastern Europe. "It would be very difficult. I would then have to speak as a diplomat, and it would no longer be a game," Mr Lizak said.

The course seems like a shrewd Foreign Office investment. The participants have already made enough friends to be able to pick up the telephone and sort out any problems with London on the spot when they are back home again.

It does not leave them uncritical of British diplomacy: both men thought the weight of tradition too heavy, the atmosphere too conservative. But Mr Zyrianov, who seemed to lack little in diplomatic finesse, put it with consumate elegance: "It's like the grass in Hyde Park. It's beautiful and smooth, but it's taken 200 years to grow like that."

Thomas is a solo choice

By Matthew d'Ancona

SEVEN-year-old Thomas Harris, from Northallerton, North Yorkshire, has become the only treble selected this year from 25 applicants to join the choir of King's College, Cambridge.

The choir usually recruits about six boys, but Stephen Cleobury, the college's director of music, said that his choice to take only one this year did not reflect a decline in standards. "We take children of appropriate quality. I don't have a preconceived view of how many," he said.

Mr Cleobury will conduct further tests in the new year seeking candidates who reach the choir's high standards. Thomas will take up his place at King's College School next September.

ADRIAN BROOKS

Solo performer: Thomas Harris outside King's College

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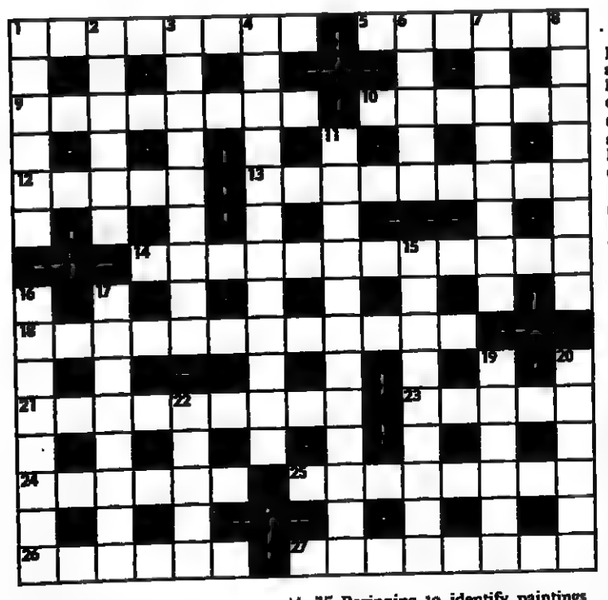

ACROSS

1 Aunt Sally perhaps may be exploited (4-4).
5 V.I.P. gets large carpet (6).
9 Disreputable comrade-in-arms following old soldiers (8).
10 A daily glass? (6)
12 Piece by journalist is completed (5).
13 Result of dressing food that contains ears of grain (9).
14 A slight infection to bear (4,8).
18 New hope by pilots' leader in reducing risks of low flying (5-7).
21 State-chartered transport for hostilities in the main (9).
23 Refuse to take part in extra show (5).
24 What a stretcher would do to former nurse? (6).
25 Beginning to identify paintings forming part of fraud (8).
26 Progress when young shaver starts to lather everywhere (6).
27 Devotion to one party (Liberal) given a test (8).

DOWN

1 Trouble more evident among French at one time (6).
2 Batting team kept under restraint (6).
3 Imposing in organised assembly (9).
4 Flowers of the promised land (4,3,5).
6 Fiery revolutionary's team in overthrow of leading figure (5).
7 Generals exhibiting weapons components? (8).
8 In a whirl, like 6 (8).
11 Euphoric on gin, perhaps, lad is very lively (4-8).
15 A foreign city of old in South African province? That's uncanny (9).
16 Pounds spent with him to procure cargo (8).
17 Confessed to being taken in (8).
19 A trial possibly leading to the rope in North America (6).
20 Unkempt horse harnessed in old carriage (6).
22 Record achieved by girl apprentice (5).

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PARKER DUOFOLD

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 18,747 will appear next Saturday. The 5 winners will receive a Duofold fountain pen supplied by Parker

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

LITERARIES

LAPIDAIRES
a. Verses about rabbits
b. Works about precious stones
c. Spondaic lines for epitaphs

ORTA OYUNU
a. A Peruvian novelist
b. A Japanese poet
c. Turkish folk drama

DIPODY
a. Poetic irony
b. Dialogue in verse
c. A pair of feet

BLAZON
a. Inventory of a woman's body
b. A genre of braggadocio verse
c. A Wild West thriller writer

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THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS
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WEATHER

Much of northern England will be dry at first but outbreaks of mainly light rain will spread into the region in the afternoon. Other parts of eastern England may have some light rain, but the South and West, along with Wales, will be mainly dry. Further rain will reach west Wales and the far southwest of England in the evening. Scotland will be mostly dry with a few bright spells. Outlook: generally unsettled

ABROAD

MIDDAY: b=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	21	70	f	Majorca	20	68	s
Akrotiri	21	70	s	Malaga	19	66	s
Alex'dria	23	73	c	Malta	21	70	s
Algiers	23	73	s	Melb'rne	13	55	c
Amst'dm	8	46	s	Mexico C*	18	64	s
Athens	20	68	f	Miami*	28	82	f
Bahrain	28	82	s	Milan	8	46	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Montreal*	19	66	c
Barbados*	29	84	s	Moscow	0	32	c
Barcelona	18	64	s	Munich	5	41	s
Beirut	24	75	f	Nairobi	26	79	f
Belgrade	6	43	f	Naples	20	68	s
Bermuda*	24	75	r	N Delhi	29	84	s
Biarritz	14	57	c	N York*	22	72	c
Borde'x	16	61	s	Nice	15	59	f
Brussels	10	50	s	Oslo	8	46	s
Budapest	5	41	s	Paris	11	52	s
B Aires*	20	68	c	Perth	26	79	s
Cairo	26	79	f	Prague	3	37	s
Cape Tn	21	70	s	Reykjavik	8	46	r
Chicago*	12	54	r	Rhodes	20	68	s
Cologne	9	48	s	Rio de J	27	81	s
C'phagn	10	50	s	Rome	17	63	f
Corfu	17	63	f	Salzburg	7	45	s
Dublin	11	52	c	S Fr'isco*	16	61	f
Faro	19	66	f	Santiago*	19	66	s
Florence	12	54	r	S Paulo*	29	84	c
Frankfurt	7	45	s	Sing'por	31	88	f
Funchal	22	72	f	St'kholm	7	45	c
Geneva	9	48	r	Strasb'rg	4	39	c
Gibraltar	19	66	f	Sydney	17	63	f
Helsinki	3	37	c	Tangier	18	64	f
Hong K	26	79	s	Tel Aviv	24	75	f
Innsbrck	12	54	s	Tenerife	23	73	f
Istanbul	10	50	f	Tokyo	17	63	r
Jo'burg*	22	72	s	Toronto*	19	66	f
Karachi	37	99	s	Tunis	23	73	f
L Palmas	24	75	f	Valencia	20	68	s
Lisbon	18	64	c	Vanc'ver*	8	46	s
Locarno	10	50	s	Venice	8	46	f
London	11	52	c	Vienna	5	41	s
L Angels*	18	64	c	Warsaw	1	34	sn
Luxembg	6	43	f	Wash'ton*	21	70	c
Luxor	31	88	s	Wel'nton	17	63	f
Madrid	12	54	f	Zurich	5	41	c

* denotes Saturday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	-	.12	10	50	rain
Anglesey	0.3	-	13	55	cloudy
Aviemore	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Belfast	0.1	.09	11	52	rain
Birmingham	-	.03	11	52	dull
Bognor Regis	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Bournemouth	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Bristol	-	-	12	54	dull
Buxton	-	.02	8	46	cloudy
Cardiff	-	.02	10	50	rain
Douglas	-	.13	11	52	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	.01	11	52	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	.03	8	46	drizzle
Exmouth	-	.18	11	52	drizzle
Glasgow	-	.02	11	52	dull
Guernsey	2.9	-	13	55	sunny
Hunstanton	-	-	11	52	dull
Jersey	1.9	-	13	55	cloudy
Kinloss	-	-	11	52	cloudy
Leeds	-	.01	10	50	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.26	10	50	rain
London	0.1	.01	12	54	cloudy
Lowestoft	2.5	.01	12	54	bright
Manchester	-	.01	11	52	dull
Minehead	-	.03	11	52	dull
Morecambe	-	.01	12	54	dull
Newcastle	-	.06	10	50	drizzle
Nottingham	-	-	9	48	dull
Penzance	0.1	.04	13	55	dull
Plymouth	-	.05	12	54	dull
Poole	-	-	12	54	cloudy
Scarborough	-	.03	10	50	dull
Scilly Isles	3.0	.04	14	57	bright
Shanklin	-	.02	11	52	cloudy
Southsea	0.5	-	12	54	cloudy
St. Ives	-	-	12	54	dull
Stornoway	-	.02	11	52	cloudy
Swanage	-	.03	12	54	drizzle
Teignmouth	X	.13	13	55	drizzle
Tenby	-	.07	11	52	drizzle
Tiree	-	.26	10	50	shower
Torquay	-	.11	12	54	cloudy
Wick	0.4	.02	11	52	rain
Worthing	-	-	11	52	dull

* denotes Not Available
These are Saturday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.24	2.09
Austria Sch	21.400	19.90
Belgium Fr	62.65	58.65
Canada $	2.04	1.89
Denmark Kr	11.80	11.05
Finland Mkk	7.48	7.03
France Fr	10.37	9.67
Germany Dm	3.045	2.845
Greece Dr	338.00	318.00
Hong Kong $	13.86	12.86
Ireland Pt	1.137	1.067
Italy Lira	2280.00	2130.00
Japan Yen	211.25	223.25
Netherlands Gld	3.42	3.20
Norway Kr	11.98	11.18
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.40
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.38
Switzerland Fr	2.655	2.485
Turkey Lira	8700.00	7900.00
USA $	1.805	1.675
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Isles of Scilly, 14C (57F), lowest day max: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Orsay, Strathclyde, 0.55 in; highest sunshine: Herne Bay, Kent, 3.4 hr.

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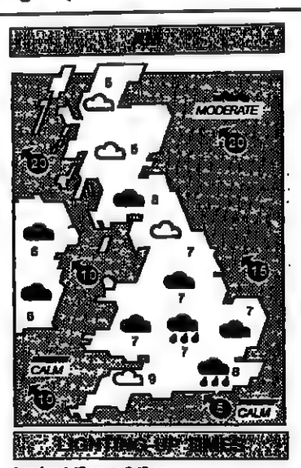

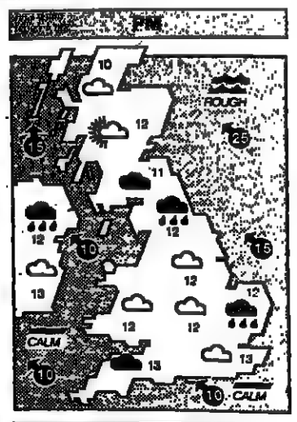

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Bristol 4.52 pm to 6.57 am
Edinburgh 4.43 pm to 7.12 am
Manchester 4.46 pm to 7.01 am
Penzance 5.07 pm to 7.06 am

Sun rises: 8.46 am — Sun sets: 4.42 pm
Moon sets 12.32 pm — Moon rises 8.42 pm
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	f	Guernsey	13	55	f
B'mngham	8	46	c	Inverness	13	55	s
Blackpool	10	50	c	Jersey	12	54	f
Bristol	10	50	f	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	11	52	f	M'nchster	10	50	c
Edinburgh	10	50	c	Newcastle	10	50	c
Glasgow	8	46	s	R'nldsway	11	52	f

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

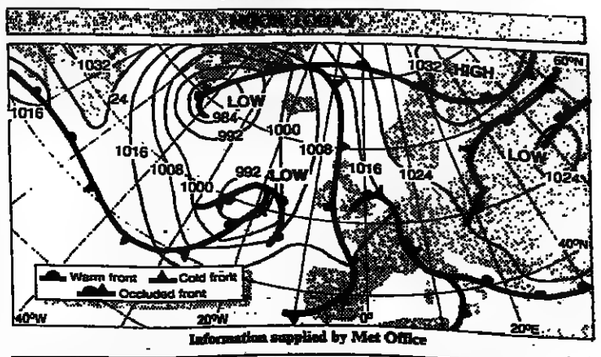
GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.008 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 2.8 hr

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	4.30	6.8	4.54	7.0	Liverpool	1.47	9.0	2.06	9.9
Aberdeen	4.10	4.1	4.28	4.0	Lowestoft	—	—	12.28	2.4
Avonmouth	10.00	12.4	10.31	11.8	Margate	2.34	4.6	2.58	4.7
Belfast	1.37	3.3	2.01	3.4	Milford Haven	9.01	6.5	9.32	6.2
Cardiff	9.45	11.5	10.16	11.0	Newquay	7.54	6.6	8.26	6.2
Devonport	8.38	5.1	9.09	4.8	Oban	8.11	3.7	8.55	3.4
Dover	1.26	6.4	1.45	6.3	Penzance	7.44	5.2	8.17	4.8
Falmouth	8.08	4.9	8.39	4.6	Portland	9.41	2.1	10.21	1.8
Glasgow	3.32	4.7	3.45	5.1	Portsmouth	1.58	4.6	2.16	4.5
Harwich	2.25	3.8	2.49	3.9	Shoreham	1.46	6.0	2.05	5.9
Holyhead	12.52	5.3	1.14	5.3	Southampton	1.29	4.3	1.46	4.3
Hull	9.08	7.0	9.22	6.8	Swansea	9.01	9.0	9.34	8.5
Ilfracombe	8.42	8.6	9.12	8.2	Tees	6.28	5.1	6.49	5.0
King's Lynn	9.19	6.3	9.33	6.1	W'ton-on-Naze	2.16	4.0	2.43	4.1
Leith	5.29	5.3	5.57	5.1					

Tide in metres: 10=9.15m.



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Societies ombudsman to rule on obsolete saver accounts

By Lindsay Cook
Money Editor

STEPHEN Edell, the building societies ombudsman, is expected to rule soon on whether savers should receive compensation if a society introduces an account paying a higher rate of interest without telling them.

Mr Edell has received a large number of complaints from investors who have put money into accounts offering the highest rate of interest and then have found, months or years later, that a better rate is being paid on a new account. A large number of the complaints involve the Nationwide Building Society, which at the end of last year introduced a new 90-day account that paid a higher rate of interest, but would not let those savers in the original 90-day account transfer immediately to the new one without loss of interest.

The savers had to give 90 days' notice before they could transfer to the new account. Many members complained to the ombudsman, and a decision on whether they should receive compensation is expected in the next few weeks. One Nationwide member put a resolution before the second largest society's annual meeting this summer. The Rev Vivian Singh wanted the society to be obliged to inform savers when a better rate was offered on a new similar account and for the Nationwide to backdate the improved rate of interest to the launch of the new account for existing savers. Although Mr Singh received almost 90,000 votes, the society won the day by using proxy votes. Mr Singh hopes to be elected to the board of the society next year.

Societies have always tended to offer lower rates of return on obsolete or closed savings accounts. They have argued that it is up to savers to keep checking which are the best accounts available. They also advertise new competitive accounts.

Savers with many societies have complained this year to the ombudsman about the lack of information they receive to help them make informed choices. Societies and banks are, as a result, beginning to realise that it does not pay to annoy existing savers by giving newcomers more. Abbey National, National Westminster Bank and Nationwide have now started contacting existing investors when launching new similar accounts. It is cheaper for them to do so rather than attract new savers when old ones have withdrawn their money in disgust.

In his annual report, Mr Edell, told societies that they should include details of defunct accounts on their rate cards and posters and should detail their interest rates in change or rates advertisements. He did not advise them to write individually to savers in existing accounts. A backlog of cases may delay Mr Edell's ruling to the end of the year.

Attali warns of war and want

By Colin Narbrough
Economics Correspondent

A SERIOUS risk of nuclear war between the former Soviet republics and starvation in some Russian cities this winter were elements of a scenario painted yesterday by the French head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

Jacques Attali, who leads the London-based bank set up this year explicitly to help transform the countries of the crumbling Soviet bloc into market economies, made his alarming predictions in an interview on Channel 4 television.

The Ukraine parliament's decision last week to take control of nuclear weapons on its territory aroused fears in the West that several former Soviet republics could soon go nuclear. M Attali said that if the West failed to open its borders and provide technical assistance to the East, there would economic and social collapse, followed by national socialism or populism.

"The risk is to see 15 countries, some of them nuclear, at war," he said, underlining that, while nuclear weapons have always been managed as a tool for stability, a "simple mathematical theorem shows that stability decreases with the number of players."

On the prospects for the Soviet people this winter, M Attali questioned whether the situation would be as bad as widely forecast, but criticised the breakdown of the economic system as "not civilised organisation". He foresaw the possibility of starvation in some cities.

Despite his gloomy comments about possible developments in the former Soviet Union, M Attali said he expected some ex-communist countries to join a common economic space with western Europe within 15 years. He said a meeting of 40 European countries could be called at short notice to discuss a free trade pact along the lines of the European Economic Area accord reached in Luxembourg last Tuesday.

"We can do that tomorrow and give to the new continental community both a political and an economic role in fostering free trade," he said.

Borrowing set to recover

THE international capital markets look set to recover, after their first significant setback for a decade in 1990, and borrowing could climb to an all-time high this year, according to a report from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

The Paris-based organisation said overall borrowing in the first eight months of this year was up 14 per cent at $320.5 billion, which was broadly in line with average growth during the late Eighties. If the pace of borrowing is sustained, the total could exceed $500 billion for the full year, well above the 1989 peak of $466.5 billion.

Uncertainties over the Gulf conflict and weak economic growth last year brought borrowing down by 7.5 per cent last year to $431.9 billion.

Japan was the biggest borrower in the first eight months of this year, taking up $54.8 billion, with Britain in second place with $41.5 billion.

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CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7112 (–0.0088)

German mark
2.9090 (–0.0038)

Exchange index
90.3 (–0.1)

Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1929.3 (–66.2)

FT-SE 100
2514.7 (–86.4)

New York Dow Jones
3004.92 (–72.23)

Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24906.43 (+11.61)

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Surveys show confidence increasing

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

THE government and businesses hard hit by the recession are expected to welcome the boost in confidence that will be signalled tomorrow by the Confederation of British Industry and which shows in the latest Institute of Directors survey.

The two-monthly survey of directors shows that a majority are more optimistic about the economy and the outlook for their own companies compared with fewer than half in the previous survey conducted during August.

Ministers received indications before the weekend of the findings of the latest authoritative quarterly industrial trends survey from the CBI, which they believe confirm the claims made by John Major, the prime minister, and Norman Lamont, the chancellor, that the economy is beginning to recover.

Treasury officials were reluctant to draw firm conclusions from similar findings last week from the less well-established survey from chambers of commerce around Britain.

John Banham, CBI director general, believes the confederation's survey is a better monitor of the state of the economy than many of the government's statistical indicators.

The results of the CBI October survey, though, are far from an unequivocal endorsement of the view that the recession is ending. CBI insiders stressed yesterday that the survey was still not painting a clear picture of the current state of British business, which was to be expected at turning-points in the economy.

Hard indicators of firm movements in business are not yet showing any signs of a real upturn. Though the position of domestic orders has improved, tomorrow's survey is still expected to show a negative balance, with more companies replying to the survey still showing falling orders than those registering increases.

But some economists are stressing that such indicators, though firm, are essentially backward-looking, and that the economy has already moved on from the position the CBI survey and others are describing, and that the signs of real value are those delineated by the forward-looking measures.

The CBI survey tomorrow will show marked improvements in such indicators, with overall business confidence, for instance, registering its best level since October 1988.

The positive balance in the confidence indicator, with more companies now optimistic about general business prospects than those remaining pessimistic, will be reflected to a lesser extent in an increase in the number of manufacturing companies expecting output to improve over the next four months.

Employment, however, is still expected to decline over the immediate period, according to the survey, though the CBI's report will continue to show that company spending on training is holding up, despite the recession.

On the Institute of Directors study, Peter Morgan, the director general, said: "We are pleased by the level of optimism shown in this survey but we remain concerned that many of our members are still being hard hit by the effects of the recession."

The survey shows 52 per cent of company directors are more optimistic about the economy and 56 per cent are more confident about their own companies. This compares with August when 36 per cent were pleased with the economy and 48 per cent were confident about their company's prospects.

Companies are still suffering the effects of recession and have yet to see increased business, although 37 per cent of directors surveyed reported improvements — up slightly from the 33 per cent whose companies were boosting their performance in August.

Vaz seeks recall of Governor

By Our City Staff

KEITH Vaz, the Labour MP, has called for Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, to reappear before a Commons select committee investigating the collapse of Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

The call came on BBC2's *Money Programme* last night after Mr Vaz had been shown documentary evidence that he said was "material and new information" about what the Bank of England knew about BCCI's illegal acquisition of First American Bank before deciding to shut BCCI down.

The programme-makers showed Mr Vaz evidence from a High Court hearing that on April 26, after a request from the US Federal Reserve, the Bank of England invoked Section 39 of the Banking Act to obtain key BCCI files apparently prepared by Swaleh Naqvi, the former chief executive of BCCI. The files were actually obtained on May 10, two months before the Bank of England ordered the closure of BCCI.

Recourse to Section 39 was challenged in the High Court. An injunction was taken out on the files, but Mr Justice Hurst said the Banking Act overruled the injunction.

Mr Vaz said he had not been aware of the High Court hearing, which, as far as he could tell from the transcripts of the Commons select committee, "was not disclosed" to the committee. He said he would write to the committee chairman to suggest that the Bank of England give evidence and was sure that the committee would want to interview Mr Leigh-Pemberton again.

The Bank of England was quoted on the programme as having said it had never seen all the Naqvi files and could therefore not tell whether the files it obtained were the Naqvi files. The files were passed on to the relevant US authorities.

☐ Douglas Hogg, the Foreign Office minister, is due in the United Arab Emirates today, the first visit by a British government minister since the closure of BCCI, which is 77.4 per cent owned by the Abu Dhabi government. Mr Hogg will raise the plight of British employees and depositors of BCCI.

Vaz: letter to committee

Emergency signals: advisers fear the worst for the cash call at BAe, piloted by Sir Graham Day, this afternoon

BAe braced for crash landing

By George Sivell and Philip Pangalos

ADVISERS to British Aerospace fear a crushing failure in the £432 million cash call this afternoon. The flop, on top of poor interim results expected from Marks and Spencer this week and the continued poor standing of the Conservatives in the opinion polls, will leave the stock market in poor shape for the BT share offer.

Failure of the ritish Aerospace call, where shareholders are expected to take up between 10 and 30 per cent of the stock on offer, will also deepen the gloom surrounding Asda's £357 million rescue rights issue, which closes next Friday. Two weeks ago Hillsdown, the M&S supplier, saw just over half its £281 million cash call stick with the underwriters.

Last week the FT-SE 100 index closed at 2,514.7, well below the trading range of 2,550-2,650 in recent months. Fund managers will be wondering at what price and how many BT shares to bid for under the government's plan to sell half its remaining holding by tender.

The public will then be offered shares at about 5 per cent below the minimum tender price agreed with the institutions. City fund managers have, according to stockbrokers' estimates, forked out £19 billion this year on ordinary and preference shares and loan stock, against £15 billion for the whole of 1990.

The rising public sector deficit is also putting extra pressure on Bank of England sales of gilts. Issues are predicted at £1.5 billion a month for the next few months.

BAe shares, meanwhile, closed at 363p last week, well below the 380p rights issue offer price. The shares have fallen 30 per cent since early September when the company stunned the financial markets by halving 1991 forecasts.

Analysts concede that long-term prospects at BAe, where Sir Graham Day is interim chairman, remain strong but say it faces short-term problems with cash outflow and heavy debts.

While existing companies are having problems raising fresh capital from the market, it appears fewer new companies are turning to the London Stock Exchange for finance. Only 68 companies were launched on the markets in the first nine months of 1991, the lowest since 1984, report figures out today from the accountant KPMG Peat Marwick. More than 100 companies were floated in the same period last year, and 142 in the first nine months of 1988.

The figures from M&S this week, as well as third-quarter results from ICI, will provide the market with a good indication of any likely upturn in the industrial and retail sectors.

M&S is still considered by many as the bellwether of the retail sector, but the glare of recession is likely to have melted away some of its usually resilient profits.

Figures from ICI, regarded as a barometer of British industry, are likely to show a healthy advance when the company reports on Thursday. However, the results are expected to show that ICI, where Hanson holds a strategic 2.8 per cent stake, is still nursing a big like-for-like deficit, with a predicted decline in profits for the nine-month period of about 20 per cent.

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Promoting women at work

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

EMPLOYERS committed to specific increases in the number of female employees form only an eighth of those involved in a new initiative, to be launched by John Major, to improve the role of women in the workforce.

Sixty-one employers will be announced this morning as the first wave of campaign companies taking part in Opportunity 2000, an unprecedented initiative on employing women.

The campaign, promoted by Business in the Community, the specialist on corporate community investment, stresses the value of making better use of women in business. Led by company chief executives, it is backed by all the major business organisations, including the CBI, the chambers of commerce and the Institute of Directors.

Women currently comprise only about a fifth of British management and hold less than 2 per cent of senior executive posts, despite the fact that by the year 2000 they will make up more than half the UK workforce.

Though Opportunity 2000 leaders stress that employers taking part in the campaign are aiming at a range of goals tailored to their own individual needs, the small number of companies prepared to commit themselves to specific numerical targets — only eight of the 61 — will raise doubts over the goals being set.

The eight companies are NatWest, Kingfisher, BBC, British Airways, LWT, Rank Xerox, Chartered Institute of Management Accountants and Ashridge Management College, the business school which assisted Business in the Community to set up Opportunity 2000.

None of the other companies and organisations involved are setting specific targets. These include Marks and Spencer, the NHS, Royal Mail, J Sainsbury, BT, Shell UK and the Cabinet Office — in effect, the entire civil service.

Opportunity 2000 leaders emphasise the importance of the goals employers are setting themselves being both achievable and measurable, but some are extremely loose and unspecific.

The shortest target, for instance, is being set by Glaxo, the chemical company, whose target in full is: "Glaxo is fully committed to Opportunity 2000 and to achieving its objectives. Glaxo is currently reviewing very actively how best their support for the campaign should be taken forward within the company."

Lady Elspeth Howe, who chairs Business in the Community's women's economic development target team, said the importance of the initiative was the companies committing themselves to goals, rather than numeric targets: "The companies involved have set themselves goals within their own cultures that suit their own business needs."

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Salomon prepares to pay penalty for US bond cheating

From Philip Robinson in New York

SALOMON Brothers Inc, the disgraced Wall Street investment bank fighting to maintain credibility, will tomorrow unveil what it expects to pay in penalties for breaking the US Treasury bond market rules in the scandal that broke two months ago.

Analysts say it will be at least $250 million and some have forecast the figure could climb to $1 billion, a sum likely to wipe out most of this year's profits and certainly cause the bank to report a loss in the July-September quarter.

Profits for the first six months of this year, which covers a large portion of the time Salomon was violating bond market dealing rules, were more than $400 million on revenues of almost $5 billion.

But internal calculations released in a 76-page report by Salomon last week, shows that compared to the size of its business, the bank made a tiny profit from unlawful trading in eight auctions between December last year and May.

The bank's figures indicate that it made almost five times as much profit when it was not cheating as it did when breaking the rules. Unlawful profits accounted for 20 per cent of the total and were barely enough to cover the annual bonus of Paul Mozer, its chief government bond market trader who has been dismissed.

Salomon, under investigation by four government agencies and the subject of almost 40 legal actions, made most of its unlawful profit last May when it admitted capturing almost 90 per cent of the market in two-year Treasury bonds, gaining for itself two and half times the legal limit.

In that auction alone — where Salomon is accused of "squeezing" the market by gaining control of prices by which it could dictate its own profits — the bank made between $2.63 million and $3.51 million.

The figure represents almost 80 per cent of what is claimed as the total profits from improper dealings in all eight auctions, which totals between $3.3 million and $4.6 million.

Profits made in the eight auctions from bona fide bids are estimated by analysts at almost $20 million, the bulk of which was made in May.

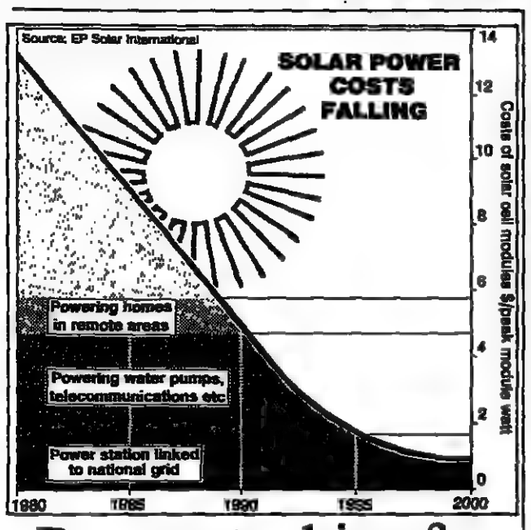
Sources close to the scandal say the bank's figures are insufficient to justify profit as a motive for unlawful behaviour.

Mr Mozer, who was sacked by Salomon as part of swift action taken on the scandal by Warren Buffett, the new interim chairman, routinely took home between $3 million and $4.6 million in annual pay and bonuses. In the three years between 1988 and 1990 Salomon paid him $11 million.

Close observers of the crisis say the motive for the affair was arrogance and pride, which stemmed from the ego-inflated culture encouraged at what was the third-largest player in the Treasury bond market and among the most powerful investment banks on Wall Street.

Sweeping changes to the system of selling government debt will take effect on November 5 in an attempt to break up the cosy club known as the primary dealers, through which the US government sells its debt to investors.

The privileged circle of 39 trusted banks — Salomon is still allowed as a member on a restricted basis of those eligible to bid directly for government debt — is being extensively widened. Jerome Powell, assistant Treasury secretary, said: "There has been a perception that some insiders have enjoyed a competitive advantage. This is an attempt to level the playing field."



Prospects shine for solar power success

By Nick Nuttall, technology correspondent

A SHARP growth in solar cell production is being forecast. Some analysts estimate that by the year 2000 the industry will be worth between $5 billion and $10 billion, with an annual growth rate of 20 per cent.

The growing confidence in photovoltaic technology, devices which turn free sunlight into clean electricity, was highlighted by the announcement that Swiss scientists have made a low-cost thin-film cell made from titanium oxide that mimics the efficiency of photosynthesis in plants.

Meanwhile, solar cell companies will this year be investing about £60 million in new production facilites and research worldwide as demand for devices outstrips supply. In 1981, between £4 million and £5 million was spent, experts estimate.

Robert Hill, professor of optoelectronics at Newcastle polytechnic and a leading solar cell expert, said: "We are at the bottom of the S-shaped curve that all markets go through and are just starting to rise."

He believes the solar sector is poised to become as large as the electricity supply industry, which is dominated by such companies as Westinghouse, GEC-Alsthom and Bechtel.

Fifteen years ago, the cost per unit of electricity was between £4 and £5 a kilowatt hour for a conventional crystal silicon cell. Today, the cost is between 40p and 50p a unit of electricity, and about $4 a module — the industry's official measure — and falling fast. Professor Hill said: "This compares with over £1 a unit for diesel and £1,000 per unit for battery generation in some parts of the Third World."

Meanwhile, plans are being made by European and American governments for significant investments in solar cell generation. Professor Hill said several companies could be expected to have turnovers of about $1 billion by the end of the decade, including BP Solar in Britain.

No easy ride for Harley

Tarnished appeal: Harley's shares have dropped

From Our Correspondent in New York

HARLEY-DAVIDSON, the glinting steel and chrome motorcycle group whose products symbolised the wind-in-the-hair freedom of the late Sixties, has tarnished its gleaming image with professional American money managers.

Shares in America's only surviving super-bike maker collapsed by 30 per cent last week in two days of heavy trading. The fall was prompted by disappointing profits and reports that three members of the board had sold more than $8 million of shares in the preceding ten weeks.

An official inquiry has been launched by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Share dealing was halted on Wednesday afternoon after the price fell $6.6 and Harley-Davidson was forced to issue a brief profit statement that had been scheduled for release on Thursday.

Third-quarter profits rose 37 per cent to $8.9 million ($6.5 million), but Wall Street had been expecting them to double and the shares fell further, notching up a two-day loss of $18.125 to $40.75. Over the past year the shares have risen from $17.75 to $60.75. They rallied slightly on Friday to close at $42.

Lawrence Bowman, a fund manager for Fidelity Investments, told reporters: "I feel like I've been massacred. There was obviously a leak."

Documents lodged with the SEC show that Vaughan Beals, the chairman of Harley-Davidson, Jeffrey Bluestein, vice president, and Timothy Hoelter, general counsel, sold a combined 143,750 shares over the past ten weeks when the share price was between $55 and $60.

James Ziemer, chief finance director at Harley-Davidson, said that the company, founded in 1903, would fully co-operate in the inquiry.

Harley-Davidson says demand for its products remains strong but the company is still paying to remodel its paint shop to lift production from 275 to 300 bikes a day. Third-quarter sales were up 18 per cent to $240.6 million. But the company's recreational vehicle business follows the recession cycle and lost $4 million.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Whyte scents victory in Invergordon fight

WHYTE & Mackay, the American Brands subsidiary, is confident of winning its £350 million takeover battle for Invergordon Distillers after buying another 4 per cent of shares late last week. The 275p-a-share cash offer, which closes on Wednesday, has attracted acceptances from more than one third of Invergordon's employee shareholders, reports Kleinwort Benson, Whyte's adviser.

Whyte now owns 38 per cent of Invergordon and is believed to have decided to retain its shareholding if the bid fails, putting further pressure on the Invergordon board to discuss a merger. Invergordon directors, who could realise £19.4 million from their 5.5 per cent, will not sell. Neither will Robert Fleming, Invergordon's long-serving adviser, with 15 per cent, or Norwich Union, which has 6.2 per cent. Invergordon shares closed at 265p on Friday.

Retailers advertise

RETAILERS have spent almost £480 million on advertising this year despite the recession and will invest more than £500 million next year, reports Verdict Research, the market research group. Retail advertising accounts for about one eighth of the whole sector, with the top 50 retail brands accounting for 68 per cent of all retail advertising in 1990 and the top 10 brands accounting for 30 per cent.

Spend by retailers is one of the few growth areas in advertising, and above-average growth in retail advertising is forecast for the next two years, much of it in the do-it-yourself sector. Overall advertising expenditure has, however, fallen. The heaviest retail spend is from the grocery trade, whose budget will reach almost £100 million by the end of this year although advertising represents only 0.23 per cent of sales.

Drexel to re-emerge

DREXEL Burnham Lambert Group plans to emerge from bankruptcy next year as a small company called Newco with about 20 staff. Previously a Wall Street investment banking firm, it had about 5,700 employees when it filed for bankruptcy last year after pleading guilty to securities fraud and paying $650 million in fines.

According to the company's bankruptcy disclosure filed on Friday, Newco is expected to have assets of $450,000 by the end of next year, rising to $732,800 by 1996. A trust will also be set up to distribute Drexel's assets. The trustees are George Gould, former US Treasury undersecretary; Robert Rittereiser, former chief executive of the EF Hutton Group; and Paul Walker, a financial consultant. A hearing on the statement is scheduled for November 21 in Manhattan.

Hawker cool on sales

HAWKER Siddeley is playing down speculation of an imminent wave of sell-offs, foreshadowed on October 10 as part of the engineering group's defence against the £1.5 billion bid from BTR. Hawker is more likely to await the end of the bid period before making significant disposals.

Last week, Guardian Royal Exchange sold its 3.84 per cent Hawker stake to BTR, which now controls 6.5 per cent. Alan Jackson, BTR's chief executive, said BTR would continue to buy Hawker shares if there was a the opportunity. He thought Hawker's document, which questioned BTR's management and accounting policies, was "awful". BTR formally said it had acquired 7.53 million Hawker shares at 710p, representing 4.7 per cent. Other acceptances representing 1.8 per cent of Hawker's capital lifted its total holding by the end of last week to 12.84 million shares.

Eurotunnel and TML to discuss payments

By Our Industrial Correspondent

DETAILED talks are to resume this week between Eurotunnel and its contractor, Transmanche Link, over £810 million of additional payments sought by TML for the installation of fixed equipment in the Channel tunnel.

Although no early breakthrough is expected, the talks — between Jack Lemley, joint chief executive of TML, and John Neerhout, of Eurotunnel, — mark an improvement in relations between the parties. "I think we now have a clearer idea of where each side is coming from," a TML executive said. He stressed that the disagreements over who should pay for overruns on the fixed-price part of the work remained profound. The talks will be held without preconditions.

"TML wants this job to finish in good order so that our shareholders can go away, at least with their shirts on their backs and with their reputations intact," the TML spokesman said.

PP Rust reappears in London lists

By Colin Campbell, mining correspondent

POTGIETERSRUST Platinums — bundled into JCI, the South African mining group, and delisted in 1976 — is returning to the London lists in fully paid next Monday.

PP Rust, as the company is known among old mining hands, holds the exclusive rights to acquire mining titles to precious metals and base minerals on the Sandsloot, Zwartfontein and Overysel farms, collectively known as the Platreef area, South Africa.

The area is within the self-governing territory of Lebowa and PP Rust plans an open pit development which is likely to be one of the lowest cost platinum mines in the world.

PP Rust is 50:50 owned by Rustenburg Platinum Holdings and Lebowa Platinum Mines, both listed in London.

The "unbundling" process involves a rights issue of R400 million. The 60 million shares that accrue to Rustenburg will be distributed to its shareholders as a dividend in the ratio of 58 PP Rust for every 100 Rusplats held. Lebowa shareholders have the right to subscribe for 50 PP Rust shares for every 100 Lebowa held at R3.33 a share.

The PP share register will continue to have a solid pedigree with JCI holding 26.9 per cent, Anglo American Corporation 19.33 per cent and The Old Mutual 6.84 per cent.

The operation will be rich not only in platinum, with an annual production of 170,000 ounces, but in palladium (165,000 ounces), gold (21,000 ounces), and rhodium (13,000 ounces). There will also be 4,500 tonnes of nickel and 2,500 tonnes of copper.

PP Rust joins Rustenburg, Impala and Northam as a visible direct entry into the field of platinum group metal investment and PP Rust's low cost base suggests the project will be financially attractive. It could be cash flow positive in 1996, and the project has a life of at least 30 years.

The world platinum price has not been a star performer in mining markets of late and the price has played ducks and drakes with the gold price, to which it has traditionally traded at a premium.

Producers are confident, however, that demand/supply factors will shortly move back in the metal's favour, and JCI believes the project is too good to be left in the ground.

PP Rust share certificates, not seen for 15 years, will be in the post next week.

McDonnell close to jet launch

By Our City Staff

MCDONNELL Douglas Corporation is close to launching the MD-12 jet as the first serious competitor to Boeing's 747 jumbo jet. McDonnell said the actual launch of the $4 billion programme depends on reaching final agreements with MD-12 investment partners, selection of a final assembly site and sufficient airline orders.

The three-engine MD-12 will carry 375 people in three class compartments or up to 520 in one class over routes up to 9,200 miles. The jet is derived from McDonnell's MD-11 trijet, but will have a longer wing and a longer fuselage.

McDonnell was disappointed recently when Singapore Airlines aborted its $3.1 billion order for 20 MD-11s and ordered aircraft worth $3.4 billion from Airbus Industries. Singapore said the MD-11 was found wanting.

McDonnell said it was holding talks on strategic alliances with Asian partners that could offer low-cost production and access to markets in their region. McDonnell said the talks include substantial minority equity investment in McDonnell's commercial jet transport business.

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Macarthy on the attack

By Martin Barrow

GRAMPIAN Holdings faces a renewed attack on its accounting policies as Macarthy, the retailer and pharmaceuticals manufacturer, seeks to undermine the Scottish conglomerate's £63.9 million hostile bid, which closes on Friday.

Macarthy, owner of Savory & Moore, claimed in its final defence document that Grampian used last-minute property deals, "dubious" extraordinary charges and deferred costs to inflate profits over the past two years and support its share price. The charges were dismissed by Grampian and attracted a mixed response from analysts.

Robert Gibson, a conglomerates analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, said Macarthy should have issued a dividend or profit forecast instead of attacking the bidder's accounting policies. "To us it smacks of a weak defence, all the more so since we believe we can answer most of these matters," said Mr Gibson.

Grampian is offering 147 new shares for every 100 Macarthy shares, valuing each Macarthy share at 285p. Macarthy shareholders will also retain the 5p interim dividend.

Key Macarthy shareholders are John Govett, the fund manager, with 16.8 per cent, Scottish Amicable with 8.2 per cent and Phillips & Drew Fund Management with 7.7 per cent.

Lloyds Chemists, which has said it will bid again for Macarthy subject to clearance by the monopolies commission, will not accept the offer in respect of its 9.9 per cent shareholding.

Bata retraces footsteps via Czech privatisation

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

BANKERS Trust International, the American bank that negotiated the sale by the Czech republic of a large part of its shoe industry to the Canadian Bata group, has achieved a rare feat.

"In most privatisations, people complain that you are giving away the family silver. In this instance, we are selling the silver back to the family," said Alex Seippel, of Bankers Trust's London office.

The factory being taken over by Bata was once part of a family business controlled by Tomas Bata, the Canadian group's 77-year-old Czech-born chairman. The deal, effective in January, confirms the gathering pace of the Czech privatisation programme.

Throughout the Czech republic this week, managers will be sitting down to put the finishing touches to plans to privatise the businesses in which they work. Thursday is the deadline given by the republic's ministries of industry and trade to 1,700 companies to produce proposals for their transfer to the private sector. A second wave of companies has until May 31 next year to come up with its plans.

The disposal programme by the largest of Czechoslovakia's republics offers an opportunity for western companies to gain a foothold in the richest of the former communist states.

Czechoslovakia has opted for a hybrid method of transferring former state assets into private hands. Every Czech over the age of 18 will be able to buy, for a small fee, a sheaf of vouchers, which will be used to "bid" for shares in state-controlled enterprises. Demand will determine share allocations. But the way will also be open for foreign concerns to buy a significant holding in many of the companies. This method has the virtues of achieving a degree of popular ownership, while encouraging the inflow of western technology, management skills and investment.

Fitting foothold: Tomas Bata is homeward bound

Bata's deal is typical of this process. Mr Bata anticipated the German invasion and in 1938 moved to Toronto, from where he has built a business embracing 76 companies in 65 countries. Around the globe, Bata has 70,000 employees producing 300 million pairs of shoes a year.

Bata has agreed terms for the establishment of a new company, Bata CSFR, 70 per cent owned by Bata and 30 per cent by the National Property Fund of the Czech republic.

When it begins operation in January, Bata CSFR will take control of a state shoe factory and 29 state shoe shops. Together, the activities employ 1,600 people. In addition, Bata CSFR will lease 17 stores from local municipalities. The outlets will give it 20 per cent of the market in a republic where 10 million people buy on average two pairs of shoes each each year, compared with three pairs or more in the West.

Bata is expected to inject $10 million initially to modernise the stores and factory, and will provide its own top management team, as well as undertaking a broad programme of training Czech staff, involving visits to its shops and factories elsewhere in Europe.

Bata intends to build a new factory producing women's shoes near the existing plant, and set up design and marketing centres. Half of its own output will be exported, largely to eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Bata intends to buy in four-fifths of the shoes sold in its stores. Mr Bata has also begun talks with the Slovak republic, which has a population of 5 million, with a view to reaching a similar deal there.

The deal has a special emotional significance for Mr Bata and his family. However, he also hopes his company's example will prove a model for other western businesses to follow.

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ERM limits Lamont's menu

ECONOMIC VIEW

COLIN NARBROUGH

When Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, rises to speak at the Mansion House on Thursday evening, his audience should not brace itself for generous outpourings on changes to monetary and funding policy. There will be no bold move into the narrow bands of the exchange-rate mechanism this side of the general election. Nor is any daring new flourish on monetary union likely, given the mounting tension between the government, its European partners and the European Commission. Unlike the banquet before him, the Chancellor's monetary fare will be meagre, as is the evidence of the long-awaited recovery.

His main offering will be confidence, a revival of which the cabinet has tried to impress on an electorate all too aware of the tangible effects of recession. Mr Lamont will speak in the knowledge that the latest Confederation of British Industry survey shows manufacturers at their most optimistic for three years. Yet, even after the CBI findings have been added to the mountain of survey evidence pointing to optimism reborn, the signals from the economy suggest it is still "bumping along the bottom", headed for very gradual recovery.

The merit of confidence surveys, which have been significantly better than Whitehall and City forecasters in spotting turning points, is that they are based on the views of real players in commerce and industry, not on extrapolations from misleading, or lagging, official statistics. As confidence is the crucial ingredient to enterprise, measuring it ought to be a good guide to the nation's prospects.

New wars are usually fought with the outmoded arms and strategies of past conflicts. The danger is that businessmen are interpreting the end of the latest recession using assumptions which belong firmly to the past, before entry to the ERM last October. No longer is the Chancellor free to cut interest rates, or let the currency weaken, according to the requirements of the domestic economy. Obliged to defend the exchange rate, he now has to ensure that the differential between German and British interest rates is sufficient to maintain a shine on sterling. A run on the pound, would be a pre-election disaster. The 4½-point reduction in base rates since joining the ERM has virtually exhausted the Chancellor's scope for further cuts. A further cut may be possible early next year, but it will depend on German rates, soon expected to go up.

Business may also be having difficulty in realising that they face a prolonged period of slow growth and low inflation that will replace Britain's boom and bust tradition: it would be wrong to assume that because the the tumble into recession was far worse than expected, the upturn will be sharp. Such symmetry cannot be expected under the new monetary order.

Survey evidence points to a recovery in consumer confidence too. This probably reflects lower interest rates and easier mortgage payments more than anything else. Unemployment is rising, albeit at a slower pace, and bankruptcies and house repossessions are still on the increase. The pain may be less severe, but it has certainly not stopped. Furthermore, the trauma of two deep recessions in a decade has induced a caution that could prevent the resurgence in consumer spending the Treasury recovery plan rests on. With earnings growth likely to slow to below 6 per cent, and house prices probably stagnant for a year or two, individuals remain reluctant to spend, as the retail sales figures confirm.

To place hope in the consumer unwinding savings could also prove fanciful. Money supply and bank lending figures still show retrenchment. The debts of the Lawson boom are being paid off by the corporate and personal sectors. Companies have preferred to raise money through rights issues. The consumer, meanwhile, appears to be just holding tight. More confident, maybe, but keen to keep something aside for a rainy day. The Germans save in the best of economic times. Thrift, possibly to the government's discomfort, may have caught on in Britain.

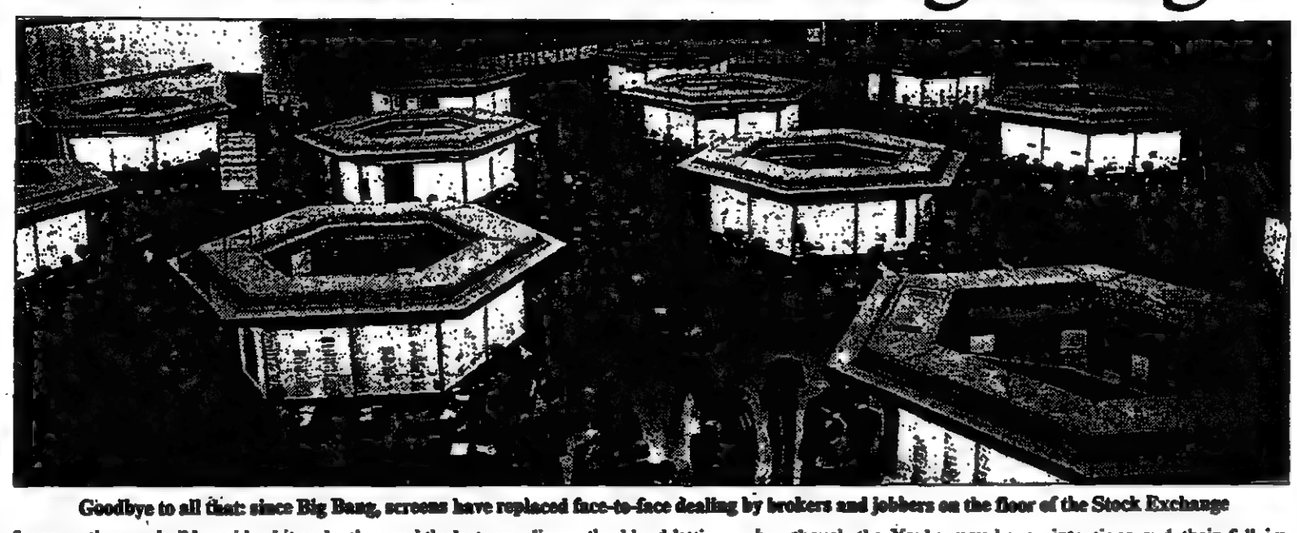
Mr Lamont will be aware of another harsh reality of the new monetary regime. Instead of his annual address to the City, it would probably be more useful this year for him to speak to the German metalworkers union. For it is the high pay demands of unions in eastern and western Germany which are foremost among the Bundesbank's concerns. Could Margaret Thatcher have imagined that her victory over union power in Britain would leave the economy at the mercy of the union structure Britain imposed on Germany after the war?

The Germans intend to pursue the counter-inflation policy best suited to containing their domestic inflationary pressures. Whatever worries may persist about recovery in Britain and America, or a slowdown in Japan, the Bundesbank will be guided by its mandate to secure price stability.

The German steelworkers last week ignored pleas from the Bundesbank, the Bonn government and the economic institutes for wage moderation and tabled a demand of 10 per cent. With annual inflation in western Germany set to climb to a peak of around 5 per cent next spring, the Bundesbank has only one option.

Yanks and banks reduce Big Bang to a whimper

Five years on, the City's electronic revolution has not realised its potential, writes Martin Waller



Goodbye to all that: since Big Bang, screens have replaced face-to-face dealing by brokers and jobbers on the floor of the Stock Exchange

THE late Eighties have already acquired a heavy patina of nostalgia, and nowhere more so than in the City. The Big Bang years have the feel of a lost era, like a film set in the lazy Edwardian summers before the guns of August.

The era threw up four categories of loser: the thousands who lost highly paid jobs, uncounted small shareholders who lost their shirts, a handful of City luminaries who found themselves in the dock, and the big financial institutions that plouged in an estimated £4 billion of their shareholders' money.

The reforms of 1986 scrapped the previous cosy restrictive practices, which had clear parallels with those surviving in the legal system in that brokers, like solicitors, dealt directly with investors, while jobbers dealt on brokers' behalf with other jobbers. Also ditched was the system of fixed commissions that was felt to keep costs too high to tempt in small private investors, and it opened up Stock Exchange membership to the players with big money; the banks, British and overseas.

Cecil Parkinson, then trade secretary, takes the widely held view that the earlier rule book had had to be torn up to allow London to survive as a leading financial centre. "The Stock Exchange was an old boys' club, closed to anybody whose face didn't fit. It was little more than a provincial stock exchange, from which all the leading players in the world were excluded."

He believes there would have been a shake-out in the City, crash or no crash, particularly as the British economy entered the recession. "People in the Stock Exchange were making money like they had never made it before, and were able to sell their businesses on multiples of profits which won't be seen for some time again," he said. Willing buyers were found, during the longest bull market in history, in the big overseas institutions, which swallowed up the old firms of brokers and jobbers and the merchant banks to create integrated financial institutions. "They clearly thought the bull market would never come to an end, and they paid over the odds," said Mr Parkinson.

Sir Nicholas Goodison, chairman of the Stock Exchange at the time of Big Bang, also blames excessive optimism on the part of the buyers. "They all thought they would win." The super-heated atmosphere and the scramble for staff on telephone directory salaries have passed into myth. In 1986, for example, Nomura, the Japanese securities house, is believed to have hired more Oxford graduates than the Foreign Office.

Then came the crash, and the losses. In Czarist Russia, bored army officers invented a curious game. Drunk as lords, they would take it in turns to hit each other, and the last one standing was judged the winner. The new owners of City institutions found themselves playing their own variation; they each absorbed the crippling losses, in the belief that the game would go in the end to any survivors.

There were casualties. Most of the actual old City names had disappeared, subsumed into the morass of the integrated securities houses, but firms such as Scrimgeours, Vickers da Costa and Savory Milln virtually ceased to exist as their owners retrenched or withdrew entirely.

Stephen Lewis, a commentator with a reputation as the City's resident Jeremiah, puts total job losses in the Square Mile since 1986 at 60,000, 10,000 of these coming in the securities industry alone. He sees more ahead. "I don't think there will be much toleration of losses. The risks in these markets are very large in relation to the capital committed to it."

Sir Nicholas likewise believes the blood-letting — he more politely talks of "a continuing readjustment" — will continue. He also thinks Big Bang achieved its immediate objectives, if one considers individual markets. In UK equities there is more competition, in UK gilts "unquestionably more". For overseas equities and bonds, the question is more complicated, but there is no question that London has succeeded in wooing business away from German and French markets.

Sir Nicholas and Mr Parkinson are the two most visible engineers of the new regime, and might be expected to take a rosy view. It is not shared by Brian Winterflood, long regarded as a maverick in the City, whose Winterflood Securities has carved a niche dealing in small stocks.

The aim was to break up a cosy cartel of just 15 jobbers, for example, who controlled the stock market, says Mr Winterflood. But the small firms could not compete against the big institutions. "It's now a much tighter cartel of six players doing 90 per cent of the business." He identifies two culprits for driving the small firms out of the market: "Yanks and banks."

The banks overheated the jobs market by overpaying, while the Americans did the same for property, by spending huge amounts on high-tech dealing facilities that the new, slimmed-down City neither needs nor can afford, he says. "In five years' time there will still be the banks, although the Yanks may have gone home — they do when they don't make any money."

Mr Parkinson believes the government did its best to allow the small firms time to make their arrangements, by granting a three-and-a-half-year gap between announcement of the government's intentions and their full implementation. The problem was, he said, that the smaller firms delayed until a few months before Big Bang before considering what action to take.

Stock market-related business now accounts for more than £1 billion a year of British net export earnings. Overseas earnings jumped 61 per cent in the first full year after Big Bang. Paul Mason, of British Invisibles, the trade group, said: "It eliminated what was one of Britain's weakest elements: too small an international equity market."

Small share trading is in worse shape than before, but the large market-making operations have become a leading attraction, pulling in European and Asian company shares as well. Foreign shares now account for as much volume as domestic issues.

Andrew Davis, a consultant at Touche Ross, said: "The UK securities market has been almost kept alive by the international profits over the last four or five years."

The international business was partly boosted by London's low costs and high investment in technology. Sir Nicholas cites deregulation of the markets in Frankfurt and Paris as a response to the competitive edge London has in the European time zone.

That edge would be blunted, he believes, not by the impact of other deregulated markets or by a flight of capital into a democratised eastern Europe, but by factors such as a rise in individual tax rates or a worsening of the capital's infrastructure, sending foreign institutions abroad again, and excessive regulation.

Professor John Kay, of London Economics, the consultant, also believes London will survive as a leading financial centre in the long term. "Although data transmission costs have fallen spectacularly, financial services continue to be concentrated in tiny areas of the world. Networks of relationships are the real reason for financial centres. Shifting data around very cheaply makes very little difference."

The Big Bang era deserves a monument. The best candidate lies on Lower Thames Street, a bleak dual carriageway that is home to several big City institutions. Billingsgate fish market was thawed out, refurbished and expensively converted into a high-tech dealing floor by Sir Richard Rogers for Citicorp.

The 91,000 sq ft building has been empty since. In the interval, Citicorp pulled out of London stockbroking.

COUNTDOWN TO BIG BANG AND AFTERWARDS

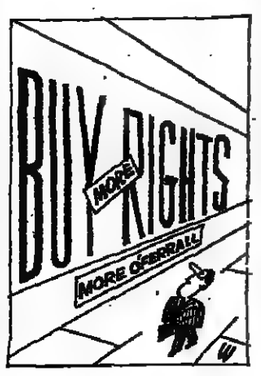
1978: OFT action against Stock Exchange rulebook.
1983: Government and Stock Exchange reach common ground; withdrawal of Restrictive Practices Court suit.
June 1985: SE firms agree to full outside ownership.
March 1986: New firms admitted.
October 27 1986: Big Bang — start of dealing under new rules.
October 1987: Market crashes.
December 1988: 450 jobs go at Morgan Grenfell; first big City bloodletting.
January 1989: Chase Manhattan pulls out of equity market-making.
January 1990: Citicorp shuts main broking business.
May 1990: Kitcat & Aitken closes.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

A mine of information

S G WARBURG has secured something of a coup in getting octogenarian Harry Oppenheimer to speak today at its two-day high-powered seminar on international mining. Oppenheimer, who is now rarely seen on public platforms but remains a legendary figure throughout the world, might reveal some of his mining secrets, but there could be one he would wish to keep. Today is his 83rd birthday. When the strains of "Happy Birthday" have died down, those attending the conference (No Press, By Order!) will also hear the other great and the good of the mining world — Sir Derek Birkin of RTZ, Allen Born of Amax and Peter Monk of American Barrick among them. It might be standing room only, but Warburgs has at least found space for Michael Beckett, in his capacity as chairman of Monarch Resources. Beckett and Oppenheimer are no strangers. It was Oppenheimer's Minorco group that bid, and failed, in 1988, to buy Consolidated Gold Fields, of which Beckett was a fighting director.

Portraits of the Queen are being offered free of charge to all MPs in New Zealand by Graeme Lee, the minister of internal affairs. He says he wants to increase "monarchy awareness".



Wedding reception

ONE of Wedd Durlacher's old watering holes, the Bishop of Norwich, Moorgate, will resound to the noise of familiar voices this week. Michael Gray, former research partner at Wedd, is holding his fiftieth birthday bash there tomorrow, helped along by friends from his Wedd days. Gray, who retired from Wedd after Big Bang with a handsome pay-off, and now acts as a consultant to Bikuben, may look a little off-colour on the evening. "I collided with a wall while playing squash and sprained a ligament," he laments.

Rugby bubbly

SINCE football is supposedly a gentleman's game played by hooligans, and rugby a hooligan's game played by gentlemen, there are those who would argue that the latter ought to have a far greater following within the Square Mile than the former. If that is indeed the case then there must be plenty of City slickers who would happily forgo their Christmas bonuses in return for a pair of tickets for Saturday's world cup rugby final. For far less than that Moet & Chandon is offering four north stand tickets. All you have to do is tell me, as fully as possible, what the connection is between the chief executive of Slough Estates and Wayne Shelford, the former All Blacks captain. The first correct answer, in writing, will win two tickets, plus a magnum of Moet, signed by England captain Will Carling; the second correct answer will win two tickets alone. Entries will be opened on Thursday morning, so don't forget to supply a telephone number.

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REPORTING THIS WEEK

Recession expected to take its toll of M&S's interim profits

MARKS and Spencer, the high street retail chain, reports on Wednesday and is still considered by many to be the bellwether of the United Kingdom's retail sector.

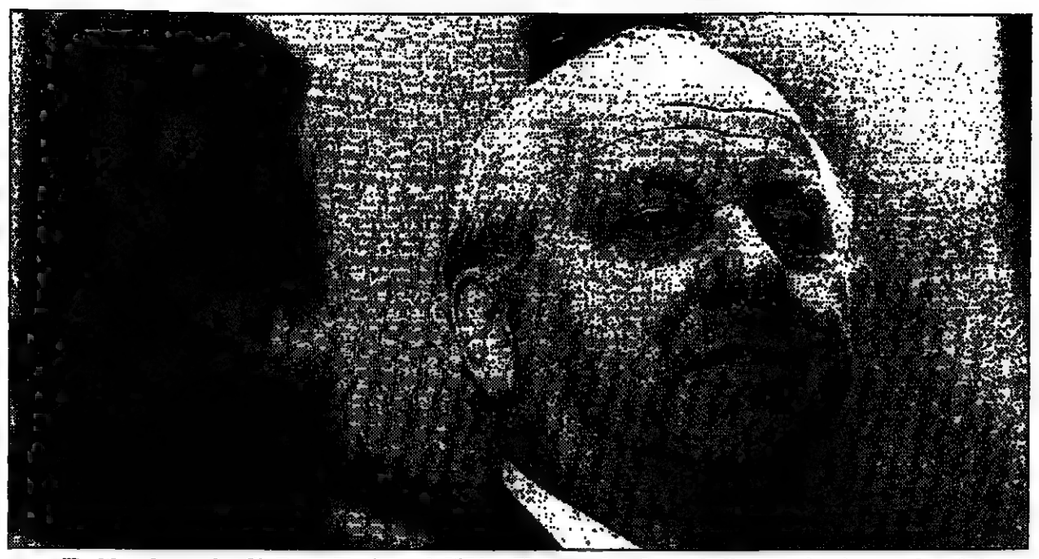
The glare of recession is likely to have finally melted some of M&S's usually resilient profits. The company is likely to have seen some erosion in UK retail sales, estimated to be down by about 2 per cent, affected by depressed consumer spending and the impact of the Indian summer on the sale of autumn lines.

However, this will be partially offset by a relatively healthy performance from the food side, which accounts for about 43 per cent of UK sales. Food operations, helped by further benefits from Epos, have been "fairly resilient".

David Robinson, an analyst at Nikko Securities, forecasts a decline in first-half pre-tax profits to £219.4 million, from £230.8 million last time, excluding any property profits. Market forecasts range from £212 million to £230 million. Mr Robinson predicts an increase in the interim dividend to 2.1p (2p).

Analysts await news on whether the group plans a withdrawal from Canada. Richard Greenbury, chairman and chief executive of M&S, has vowed he would put an end to losses there.

News is also awaited from America on Brooks Brothers, the low-performance Ivy League men's outfitters for which M&S paid $750 million in 1988. Attention will focus on any indications of current trading conditions, which are still thought to be tough, as well as prospects for the all-important Christmas period.



Healthy advance: but Sir Denys Henderson's ICI is still expected to show a decline over the nine-month period

TODAY

Cook (William), the steel castings group based in Sheffield, is expected to report interim pre-tax profits of £4.1 million (£5.5 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew. However, the company is forecast to maintain its interim dividend at 5p.

Interims: Allied Provincial Securities, Blacks Leisure, Channel Tunnel Investments, Cook (William), Moss Bros Group, Turriff Corporation.

Finals: Bolton Group, TR Far East Income Trust.

Economic statistics: Engineering sales and orders at current constant prices (August).

TOMORROW

SmithKline Beecham, the pharmaceuticals and health products group, should continue to see post-merger cost-cutting and synergy benefits. The group is expected to report an advance in pre-tax profits to £725 million (£634 million) for the nine-month period, according to Andrew Porter, an analyst at Nikko Securities. Mr Porter forecasts a third-quarter dividend of 3.75p (3.4p) per share, making 11.25p for the nine months.

Analysts will be looking for some signs of sales growth during the third quarter.

Interims: Acorn Computer Group, Bradford Property Trust, International Business Communications, Radamec Group, Ralston Investment Trust, Seafield, SmithKline Beecham (third quarter), Thames Television.

Finals: Gencor, Harmony Leisure Group.

Economic statistics: London sterling certificates of deposit (September); monetary statistics (including bank and building society balance sheets (September); bill turnover statistics (September); sterling commercial paper (September); provisional analysis of bank lending for house purchase (third quarter); CBI industrial trends survey (October).

WEDNESDAY

Reed International, the publishing group, is still having a tough time and is likely to unveil depressed first-half results, reflecting weak advertising markets in Britain and America, as well as fierce competition in the television listings market.

Pre-tax profits are forecast to decline to £79 million (£108.8 million), according to UBS Phillips & Drew, with earnings per share expected to fall to 10.1p (13.7p). However, P&D predicts an improved interim dividend of 5.25p (5p). Market forecasts range from £75 million to £80 million.

Interims: Abtrust New European Investment Trust, Alpine Group, Cullen's Holdings, Ferguson International Holdings, Jackson Group, Marks and Spencer, Novalai, Philips Electronics (third quarter), Reed International, Shiloh, Usher-Walker, Wilton Group.

Finals: Cooper (Frederick), Cowan de Groot, Leveraged Opportunity Trust.

Economic statistics: Bricks and cement production and deliveries (third quarter); new vehicle registrations (September).

THURSDAY

Imperial Chemical Industries, chaired by Sir Denys Henderson, is still considered by many as a barometer of British industry and the third-quarter figures should show a healthy advance. However, the nine-month figures are expected to show that ICI, where Hanson holds a strategic 2.8 per cent stake, is still nursing a substantial like-for-like decline in profits.

John Doré, an analyst at Hoare Govett, has pencilled in third-quarter pre-tax profits of £205 million (£160 million), making £712 million (£893 million) for the nine months. Market forecasts range from £180 million to £220 million for the quarter.

ICI will have benefited from strong growth in pharmaceuticals and loss-elimination in agrochemicals and materials. In addition, profits will be boosted by the £14 million from the disposal of ICI's 25 per cent stake in its associate, Ellis & Everard, while cost reductions will be starting to come through in some areas.

Further news is awaited on the profit improvement programme. Mr Doré said: "We believe it is a turnaround for ICI, but not a turnaround for economic conditions." He expects a continued recovery, with "almost double" fourth-quarter profits and he forecasts pre-tax profits of £875 million (£977 million) for the full year.

Thames Water, the UK's largest water company, starts the interim reporting season for the water companies. UBS Phillips & Drew expects taxable profits of £123 million, against £113 million. Market forecasts range from £122 million to £127 million. UBS Phillips expects an interim dividend of 6.5p (6p).

Interims: Delyn Group, Derwent Valley Holdings, Fleming Universal Investment Trust, Imperial Chemical Industries (third quarter), Midland & Scottish Resources, Thames Water, Tullow Oil, Warnford Investments, WB Industries.

Finals: Smart (J) & Co (Contractors).

Economic statistics: Energy trends (August).

FRIDAY

British Telecom is expected to ring in with second-quarter pre-tax profits ahead by 3 per cent to £815 million (£791 million), making £1.64 billion (£1.53 billion) for the half year, according to Patrick Wellington, at County NatWest WoodMac. Market forecasts range from £800 million to £840 million.

Mr Wellington predicts an interim dividend of 5.8p (5.25p). Last time's profits included a £43 million property gain, so underlying growth is nearer 9 per cent, which is "pretty respectable".

Interims: BDA Holdings, British Telecom, Prowting, RIT Capital Partners, TDS Circuits, Upton & Southern Holdings.

Finals: BBB Design Group, Shell Oil (third quarter).

PHILIP PANGALOS

GILT-EDGED

Why UK is out of step with European agenda

Membership of the exchange-rate mechanism and the prospect of European economic and monetary union should mean the British economy and gilts market move increasingly in step with the Continent. Yet they have tracked the American economy and Treasury market far more closely. We even changed our clocks in line with the Americans rather than the French! Flippancy apart, there is a worrying contradiction here.

The rolling recession/recovery is a well established theme. Within the big seven economies, America, Britain and Canada reached their low point in the first half; France and Italy probably hit bottom (just avoiding recession) around mid-year; Japan and Germany are still on the downslope.

Somehow this does not sound like the convergence Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Governor of the Bank of England, had in mind in Milan last week when he declared himself hopeful that Britain is "set on a course which will meet the (EMU) economic convergence conditions in a very few years' time". Rather, it may be the American economy that is converging for now with continental Europe, bringing the British economy in its wake.

Precise convergence conditions for EMU have yet to be defined but the outline is in place. Briefly, the four criteria are: a high degree of price stability; a sustainable government financial position; membership of the ERM within 2.25 per cent bands for at least two years; and a close approximation of comparable interest rates.

For Britain the budget position will present no problem and, judging by the past year, sustained narrow band membership should be achievable.

That leaves inflation and interest rates. The mood seems to be that an inflation rate within 1-2 per cent of the lowest inflation rate(s) will do but the interest rate condition is still very vague.

A severe recession has brought British inflation down to 4 per cent and it may stay in a 3-4 per cent range next year. Meanwhile, the interest rate spread over Germany is 1.5 per cent at its widest. So Britain would probably pass the EMU test now, but the real question is how inflation behaves when the economy resumes normal growth.

For example, taking the period 1983-5 (after the early Eighties recession but before the Lawson boom), Britain would have failed on both counts. British inflation averaged 5.1 per cent and German 2.7 per cent, a gap of 2.4 per cent. British short rates averaged 10.75 per cent versus 5.5 per cent for German rates, a spread of 5.25 per cent.

The same economy will be asked to perform considerably better ten years on. True, there will be two important differences. The first is that sterling will be tied to the mark. The dollar may be more relevant for absolute British inflation, but the mark/sterling rate influences relative inflation. Sterling depreciated against the mark by an average 3.6 per cent a year in 1983-5, adding perhaps as much as 1 per cent to the inflation differential.

Leigh-Pemberton: hopeful

Second, the British labour force may be more flexible. This is largely a matter of judgment, but one can point, for example, to the changes in trade union law and attitudes and to the decline to a record low in the number of days lost through stoppages in 1990.

Even so, we scent another contradiction. To meet the inflation condition, Britain may have to fail deliberately on the interest rate condition. Depending on how the interest rate criterion is formulated, Britain may qualify on long rates (reflecting inflation expectations) but fail on short rates (because monetary policy has to be kept tight).

The bottom line is that, first, there seems to us to be little evidence one way or the other (because Britain has followed America) whether the ERM is doing its job.

Second, as the convergence conditions stand, Britain has some way to go and may find it impossible to meet all four. The concept of convergence is very bullish, the fact is in doubt.

What does this mean for the gilts market? For the longer-term investor, the crucial judgment is assessing the degree of convergence. The present spread over ten-year Bunds of 150 basis points may be about right, comprising say 1 per cent for an underlying inflation differential and 0.5 per cent for Bundesbank credibility.

Perhaps the telling fact is that overseas investors were big buyers in the first half and net sellers in August and September together. After all, one would expect European investors to be shrewd judges of the convergence process.

Nearer term, like everyone else, we shall follow with interest the Mansion House speech, the autumn statement, opinion polls and the state of the economy. We think the scope for ten-year Bund yields to fall to 8 per cent may be the biggest bull point, but the political risk just will not go away.

DICK HOWARD
Julius Baer Investments

Morgan Crucible buys more US firms

By COLIN CAMPBELL

MORGAN Crucible, a world leader in industrial materials, which raised £96 million through a rights issue in April, is finalising the purchase of three more companies in America for a total outlay of around $50 million.

The three companies embrace technical ceramics, mechanical carbon and electrical carbon interests, and their acquisition will further entrench Morgan's position in those respective fields. A formal announcement about completion is likely next month.

One of the American concerns has interests in Germany to which Morgan was especially attracted. The group is fast developing its core interests across eastern Europe and in Russia and China.

Morgan Crucible raised fresh capital in April in order to take advantage of several bargain-basement opportunities worldwide that have become evident during the recession. At the time of the rights issue, the group said it had five deals in mind.

After funding the three deals, Morgan's cash balances will still be a healthy £50 million. In September, Morgan Crucible announced pre-tax profits of £28.5 million (£26.6 million) for the six months to end-June, and an interim dividend of 5.75p.

Compaq loss

Compaq Computer has ousted Rod Canion, its co-founder, after it announced 1,440 job cuts, took a $135 million charge and reported a $70.3 million third-quarter loss.

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CAPITAL MARKETS

Allied-Lyons case blows cover for corporate treasurers

EVER since Allied-Lyons blew a £150 million hole in its balance sheet with speculative currency options, the role of the corporate treasurer in British companies has become a matter for legitimate concern. The traditional view during the Eighties was that they performed an important role in protecting the earnings and assets of their companies from the vagaries of increasingly volatile capital markets.

Treasurers became proficient at risk management, egged on by the banks' skilful marketing of increasingly esoteric hedging products. Some of the most aggressive treasury departments crossed the blurred line between pure risk management, where any profit was purely incidental, to an active profit centre taking positions in the markets with the intention of producing a surplus for the corporate bottom line.

While trading profits remained buoyant and the position taking did not result in spectacular losses, shareholders either did not notice or were not unduly concerned by this use of their funds. The recession changed all that, with profit falls being amplified by disappearing treasury profits and in some cases losses. Then came Allied-Lyons.

Two surveys published last week produced contrasting conclusions about investors' views of treasurers' role. The traditional consensus was reflected in a survey of investors and lenders by the Midland Montagu risk management team. It declared that "translation exposure should be managed by companies . . . this is required by investors and bankers, both of whom place a high degree of value on the stability of performance".

However, a survey of institutional investors by Touche Ross's treasury team contradicted this view. The conclusions, presumably not based on the same sample, were "that most shareholders who hedge foreign exchange translation exposures are wasting their time and money".

Most shareholders it surveyed rated treasury earnings of low quality and valued them with a nil or even negative price/earnings ratio. Respondents argued that as shareholders they preferred to make their own decisions about currency risk rather than the company interfering. This view was also advanced by a finance director quoted by Midland Montagu, which ultimately came to very different conclusions.

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SMALLER COMPANIES

Furniture in position for the recovery

LOWER interest rates and a slightly more optimistic retail sector have improved the outlook for beleaguered furniture suppliers.

Results from the quoted trio of Stag Furniture, Silentnight and Cornwell Parker were respectable, given the hostile environment in which they operate. A fourth company, Airsprung Furniture, successfully raised £3.2 million through a rights issue and has also attracted attention from investors.

Ruth Keattch, a smaller companies analyst at Granville, is advising investors to buy Stag at 106p. The company took concerted action to reduce overheads by closing factories in Letchworth, Hertfordshire, and Cramlington, Northumberland, at an extraordinary cost of £2.4 million.

The subsequent sale of one factory helped reduce borrowings by £800,000 to £1.2 million. Net assets were £11.6 million at half time, which equates to 115p a share.

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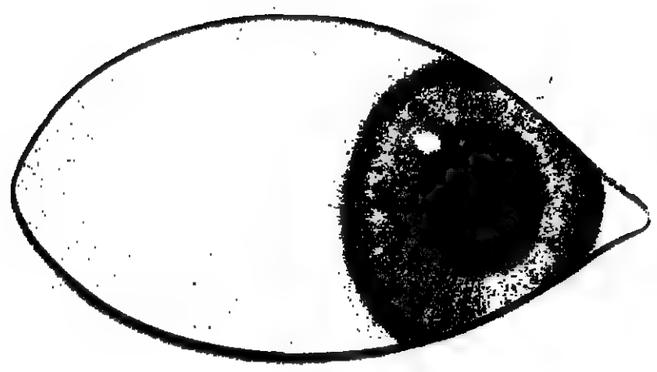
UNLISTED SECURITIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
1,688,000	ABB Demark	14	..	..	..	..
22.3m	ASD	78	..	..	..	5.4
8,071,000	ATA Selection	13	..	..	..	..
1,993,000	Abica Group	3	..	..	..	..
7,212,000	Aberdeen Pet	14	+1	..	..	10.0
8,000,000	Aberdeen Silk Hse	50	-2	..	..	..
27.9m	Acal	222	..	7.2	3.3	10.0
7,957,000	Acorn Comp	13	-1	..	..	68.3
7,167,000	Alan Paul	38	-7	4.5	10.1	2.9
1,454,000	Aldingham	5	..	..	..	..
27.7m	Allen	185	-5	8.3	3.3	8.5
1,892,000	Amberley Gp	30	..	2.0	6.7	10.8
11.6m	Anglo Pac Res	15	+1	..	..	..
14.5m	App Holographics	73	-1	..	..	..
37.7m	Ashtead	148	+8	1.8b	1.3	11.7
22.9m	Aspen Comms	176	..	10.5b	6.2	5.8
237.7m	Asprey	260	-5	6.0	2.2	14.7
699,000	Assoc Energy	5½	..	..	..	..
2,701,000	Assoc Fertilizers	2000	+2	..	..	..
4,797,000	Assoc Nursing	98	+5	1.3	1.3	..
—	Atlantic Sec	..	..	..	..	..
88.7m	Atlas Equipment	800	..	20.7	5.1	10.5
—	Auto Garnerd	..	..	..	..	..
1,788,000	Automagic	91	..	1.3	5.1	5.5
1,888,000	BBB Design	30	..	2.8b	14.0	5.7
1,399,000	BCE	8	..	..	..	..
2,932,000	BLP Group	36	+2	..	..	..
6,119,000	BWD	48	-1	2.7	5.7	10.0
10.7m	Beckenham	25	..	1.3	5.7	3.8
1,330,000	Bedford (William)	35	..	..	..	..
9,746,000	Benecto Crisps	128	..	..	..	..
4,893,000	Barry Birch & Noble	74	..	2.0	2.7	12.8
1,991,000	Bibomultisensor	42	-5	..	..	0.4
4,441,000	Bio Isolates	39	..	..	..	19.5
4,076,000	Blackfriar Motors	107	..	10.0	7.7	10.3
2,899,000	Bluebird Toys	84	..	..	..	7.1
5,725,000	Border TV	87	-1	5.0	4.9	8.5
376.4m	Borland	225½	..	..	..	..
21.8m	Bowater Intl	200	-1	5.7	2.4	5.0
1,867,000	Br Bloodstock	48	..	..	..	..
—	Br Thornton	..	..	..	..	..
10.0m	Bull Resources	2	-½	..	..	..
8,931,000	Business Tech	35	-2	..	..	16.1
—	CCS Gp	..	..	..	..	..
45.8m	CML Micro	250	+20	5.0	1.2	12.7
18.7m	Cap & Regional	109	0 -2	1.2	1.1	..
10.2m	Carron Phosphate	95	..	1.8	1.9	10.0
8,992,000	Cassidy Bros	48	..	2.0	4.2	10.8
13.7m	Castle Comm	219	+1	11.3	5.2	11.2
15.7m	Central Motor	115	+5	4.7	4.0	11.4
2,557,000	Chartwell	41	..	1.0	2.4	3.5
8,640,000	Chieftain Group	101	..	6.1	6.0	13.4
—	City & West	..	..	..	..	..
4,468,000	City of Lon	45	-1	4.3	9.7	7.9
—	Clarke Foods	..	..	2.7	f	..
12.9m	Clarke Hooper	88	-5	8.0	9.1	7.9
—	Clearmark	..	..	..	f	..
8,415,0m	Colorgen Inc	35	-½	..	..	..
24.1m	Colorvision	118	-5	7.0	5.9	10.3
694,000	Co of Designers	4	..	..	..	..
1,755,000	Comsa	87	..	..	..	..
23.7m	Conroy Pet	70	-1	..	..	..
19.5m	Cook (PC)	37	-5	1.3	3.5	..
3,702,000	Cooper Clarke	91	..	5.0	5.5	..
5,479,000	Copmanex	81	-4	5.8	7.1	10.3
11.0m	Corp Services	2½	..	..	..	..
20.6m	Crampton	120	-5	3.7	3.3	27.2
1,578,000	Cranbrook	17	..	..	..	..
5,177,000	Cromwell	135	+2	8.7	6.4	10.1
9,951,000	Croton Lodge	2	..	..	..	..
7,940,000	Creighton Nat	175	..	8.9	4.7	17.4
12.6m	Crosswords Off Gp	28	f ..	..	..	29.5
13.8m	Crown Cons.	48	f -1	..	..	..
3,578,000	Crown Eye	211	+1	4.7	2.2	10.8
976,000	Davies (DY)	16	..	..	..	..
4,930,000	Delsey	70	..	..	..	14.1
6,497,000	Demmex Elec	150	..	7.5	5.0	11.5
—	Diamond Gp	..	..	1.51	..	..
44.9m	Druck	710	..	11.7	1.5	18.3
2,161,000	Dunton	4½	-½	..	..	..
5,694,000	Dudley Jenkins	94	..	5.3	3.6	23.3
3,991,000	Durham (DS)	20	..	2.7	13.5	-
8,930,000	EM Fact	121	0 -1	5.8	4.4	13.3
4,001,000	Eadie	14	..	..	..	..
2,341,000	EPG	15	..	..	..	..
1,620,000	ERT Gp	15	..	..	..	..
2,769,000	Edin Oil & Gas	16½	..	..	..	..
18.8m	Eldridge Pope 'A'	87	-5	2.7	3.1	..
28.4m	Epwin	168	0 ..	8.5	5.1	11.0
22.3m	Era Group	223	..	12.5	5.6	9.1
4,049,000	Expedier Plc	9	-1	..	..	2.9
16.8m	Explorers Hldgs	15½	-½	..	..	..
91.8m	Fairhaven Intl	28½	+½	..	..	..
20.0m	Fairway London	98	..	4.0	4.0	13.9
48.3m	Ferguson	206	+1	5.9	2.6	16.8
5,830,000	Fenpel	74	..	5.0	6.8	7.5
2,030,000	Feedback	34	..	0.7	2.0	11.1
3,675,000	Ferromet	7½	-½	..	..	5.2
—	Field (Wm)	..	..	..	..	..
8,802,000	Flotex	38	..	..	..	..
1,358,000	Firsland	7	..	..	..	..
41.4m	Flextech	125	0 +6	3.0	1.8	10.8
5,088,000	Forward Gp	70	..	2.9	4.1	10.6
5,315,000	Freeman Gp	97	0 ..	11.3	11.6	9.6
6,189,000	French Conn	30	..	3.6	6.2	60.2
86.9m	Fuller Smith 'A'	435	+7	8.1	1.9	17.5
4,804,000	GCF Gp	201½	..	2.3	..	..
7,762,000	GWR Gp	258	..	2.7	1.0	18.0
9,950,000	Gabbel	65	0 -1	0.7	0.7	18.1
6,701,000	Gibbon Lyons	74	..	2.0	10.8	7.0
8,173,000	Gibbs Mew	140	+2	8.0	6.1	..
18.0m	Global Gp	18	0 +1	0.7	4.7	5.0
29.5m	Great Southern	250	0 ..	11.7	4.7	18.8
11.8m	Green (Ernest)	144	-3	5.3	3.6	8.0
8,223,000	Greenalls	9	0 ..	0.5	5.3	35.0
350,000	Greenwich Comms	5	..	..	..	..
1,672,000	Guildhouse	6	..	0.1	1.7	..
8,094,000	Hadleigh Inds	84	-1	3.7	10.4	5.4
2,837,000	Hale Homes	6	..	..	..	..
4,841,000	Hampden Healthcare	91	0 -1	0.8	1.0	14.0
9,725,000	Harmony Leisure	14	..	..	..	..
4,726,000	Hawthorn Leslie	2½	..	..	..	..
4,346,000	Hamilton	188	..	4.1	2.2	29.8
6,376,000	do 'A' LV	140	-5	4.1	2.9	17.5
1,238,000	Heritage	23	-2	..	..	..
2,640,000	Hey & Croft	31	..	..	..	..
1,860,000	Hickers	80	..	0.7	1.2	10.2
5,802,000	Hobson	7½	-½	..	..	..
2,277,000	Holsers Tech	75	+1	5.0	11.0	9.0
8,214,000	Honeysuckle Gp	28	..	..	..	..
17.3m	Hornby	290	..	12.0	5.7	7.2
—	Hughes Food	..	..	..	f	..
22.4m	Huntleigh Tech	288	0 ..	4.7	1.6	21.0
8,417,000	INSTEM	75	0 ..	5.0	5.0	5.2
18.4m	Incoco	7½	..	..	..	..
25.7m	Interiorte	125	-5	2.5	1.9	20.5
50.0m	Interlink Express	906	0 ..	11.2	3.6	11.8
8,824,000	Intl Comm & Data	16	-½	..	..	7.2
8,796,000	Intl Media	3	..	..	..	..
9,936,000	Intl Resort	43	..	0.3	7.7	5.7
1,947,000	J&D Group	2	..	..	..	..
792,000	Kemp (FE)	5	..	..	..	..
8,992,000	Kenmare Res	7	..	..	..	..
28.7m	Kewill Systems	277	-14	5.7	2.4	5.9
8,992,000	LPA Ind	88	..	4.7	5.4	9.6
3,221,000	Laser-Scan	30	..	..	..	4.2
9,996,000	LBMS Plc	57	-5	0.8	0.7	..
1,311,000	LGW	34	..	..	..	..
8,014,000	Lincat	98	0 ..	5.0	7.8	10.7
494,000	Lincoln Hse	3½	-½	..	..	..
11.2m	Lon & Clydeside	190	..	9.0	7.5	8.4
722.0m	Lon Forfaiting	132	0 -4	8.7	6.0	21.3
9,543,000	MMT Comp	69	..	4.0	4.8	6.1
48.5m	MTL Instruments	348	0 -2	4.1	1.7	18.3
11.3m	Magnetic Materials	62	0 -1	4.0	6.5	27.0
—	March Gp	..	..	..	f	..
14.0m	Mayborn	77	0 -1	5.5	5.8	13.4
42.4m	Meaker-Smith	320	..	8.7	5.1	13.0
38.5m	Merrydown Wine	282	0 +4	6.3	2.1	21.4
17.2m	Metal Bulletin	198	-1	8.2	4.9	18.4
21.3m	Meteor	130	0 -1	2.5	2.2	8.0
13.2m	Microlec	100	..	5.0e	5.0	10.0
13.1m	Microvisc	13½	..	..	..	..
10.4m	Midland Scot Res	95	..	..	..	..
8,260,000	Miskin Gp	15	..	2.2	10.7	5.9
7,739,000	Morris Ashby	88	..	5.5	6.3	12.4
33.8m	Mowlem	11	-½	..	..	61.1
13.4m	New England Props	12½	-1½	..	..	11.8
270,000	Do 10%	230	..	1000	11.1	..
9,772,000	Norbain	40	0 +6	0.0	2.3	8.7
14.5m	Northumbrian Res	42	..	5.5	6.5	..
6,398,000	Osborne & Little	88	..	5.5	6.5	10.0
8,036,000	PCT	135	0 ..	5.7	5.4	12.3
8,892,000	Power Systems	70	0 +5	..	..	..
2,778,000	Pentapoint	7½	..	..	..	5.9
1,799,000	Pathfinders	7½	..	..	..	..
9,165,000	Pegasus	103	-5	10.1	9.8	5.5
5,013,000	Penna	105	-15	15.0	14.3	5.7
32.1m	Pepe Group	119	+1	5.7	4.5	11.4
40.1m	Pict Pet	109	+5	..	..	5.7
9,992,000	Plasmec	31	0 ..	5.7	5.3	16.0
2,770,000	Paton	36	..	..	..	..
9,078,000	Porth Gp	16	..	..	..	..
15.6m	Powell	125	+1	4.1	5.2	11.0
4,997,000	Prism Leisure	124	-4	5.0	5.5	10.3
0,020,0m	Property Trust	6¾	-½	..	..	..
11.0m	Pulse	93	0 -4	5.2	5.4	51.0
18.4m	Quilligotti	30	-½	2.0	5.8	14.0
1,998,000	RMT Gp	4½	-½	..	..	..
15.4m	Radio Clyde	257	..	11.0	3.3	13.3
12.6m	Radios	48	-5	2.0	7.8	7.4
12.5m	Ramco Oil	72	..	3.7	5.7	17.5
8,101,000	Rassus	37	..	..	..	..
26.6m	Rathbone Bros	385	0 +7	11.3	5.1	17.2
7,280,000	Red Time Comrel	104	-1	4.0	3.8	9.5
428,000	Regal Hotels	4	..	7.5	..	..
1,999,000	Regina Health	1½	..	..	..	..
50.7m	Reliance Sec	274	-13	11.2	4.1	14.1
1,952,000	Rentpeinkster	15	..	..	..	..
8,880,000	Rive	38	..	..	..	31.3
62.8m	Resort Hotels	94	-2	4.0e	4.3	11.8
8,967,000	RPS Group	74	0 ..	4.5	6.0	7.8
4,437,000	SEP Ind	16	..	..	0 ..	5.0
850,000	Sandell	85	-1	..	..	..
10.0m	Savage	93	-1	..	..	..
8,808,000	Sawtry	100	..	5.1	5.1	7.9
14.9m	Sec Archives	884	-8	10.7	4.8	19.8
11.8m	Select App	8½	..	..	..	..
8,474,000	Swift Cosalt	10	-1	2.7	27.0	3.9
8,839,000	Sherfield-Reeve	84	0 -4	4.0	7.4	8.0
5,725,000	Sheldon Jones	72	-3	3.4	4.7	..
2,150,000	Shelton (Martin)	43	-1	2.5	5.8	5.0
4,180,000	Sheriff Hldgs	98	..	2.7	4.2	5.0
6,582,000	Sherwood Comp	127	0 +10	7.0	5.5	4.0
136.1m	Sherwood Group	789	0 -15	15.1	1.9	10.8
8,498,000	Shorco	81	..	5.0	6.5	5.0
3,700,000	Soundtracks	37	..	2.0	7.0	8.9
38.0m	Spectec	202	..	7.0	3.1	14.5
5,020,000	Spectelyes	54	-2	..	..	16.7
1,375,000	Spinfast Metal	34	..	1.0e	3.4	..
30.0m	Starships Props	38	-½	..	..	..
12.0m	Sterling Pub	48	0 +3	1.0	2.1	..
11.4m	Sterling Tst	84	+1	3.7	4.4	5.0
7,876,000	Sunleigh Elect	15	..	..	..	..
540,000	TDG Circuits	8	..	..	..	..
4,406,000	TLS Range	38	-1	..	..	..
85.7m	TV-am	88	0 -4	10.7	10.0	3.0
8,918,000	Toledo	18	..	..	..	3.7
4,824,000	Tinsley (Wire)	87	..	5.0	10.3	5.8
7,583,000	Titon	70	..	4.0	5.7	21.0
8,708,000	Torex Hire	37	-2	..	..	11.8
1,600,000	Total Systems	15	..	..	..	20.0
—	Transcod	..	..	..	..	..
8,258,000	Transworld	14	f +10	..	..	..
7,580,000	Treatt	80	+2	4.3	5.4	11.0
7,489,000	Trencherwood	30	..	..	..	..
4,184,000	Trevkow Hldgs	58	0 -2	1.3	3.4	..
7,008,000	Triton	13	0 -1	..	..	..
8,531,000	Tubular Sdgn	7½	..	..	..	5.9
1,872,000	Tudor	20	..	1.0	5.0	10.0
3,473,000	Unit Group	84	-1	3.0	..	..
3,462,000	Usher (Frank)	87	0 +1	5.3	10.0	7.2
1,098,000	Venture Plant	7	+1	..	..	..
4,018,000	VTR Plc	62	-1	4.8	5.7	2.0
18.5m	Vistec	16½	-½	0.8	1.9	16.8
5,494,000	Wessex	75	..	4.7	6.4	11.3
20.0m	Wentworth	16	-5	0.1	0.6	18.5
3,670,000	Westcel	88	..	..	..



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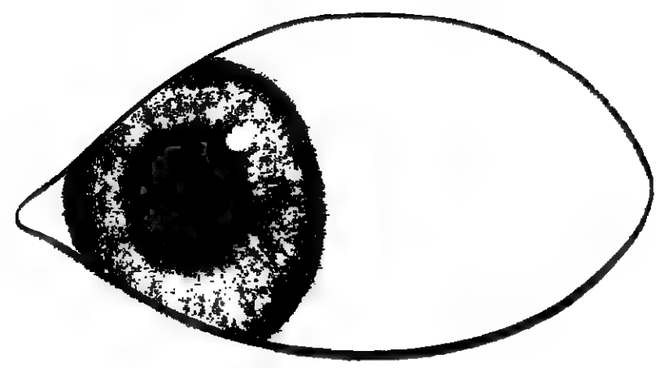

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1	Leigh	Chemicals,Plas	
2	Eaum	Drapery,Stores	
3	Fine Art Dev	Drapery,Stores	
4	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
5	Cardiff Prop	Property	
6	S & U Stores	Drapery,Stores	
7	Grampian	Leisure	
8	Charter Cons	Industrials A-D	
9	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
10	Thorntons	Foods	
11	Evode	Chemicals,Plas	
12	Maunders (J)	Building,Roads	
13	Johnson Cleaners	Industrials E-K	
14	Gleeson (MJ)	Building,Roads	
15	Flogas	Industrials E-K	
16	LASMO	Oil,Gas	
17	Campari	Leisure	
18	Wolstenholme Rink	Chemicals,Plas	
19	Croda	Chemicals,Plas	
20	Lon Insl	Industrials L-R	
21	McKay Secs	Property	
22	Nurdin & Peacock	Foods	
23	Microgen	Electricals	
24	Cresta	Industrials A-D	
25	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
26	Aegis Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
28	Concentric	Industrials A-D	
29	Telfos	Industrials S-Z	
30	New London	Oil,Gas	
31	Smith David	Paper,Print,Adv	
32	Quicks Group	Motors,Aircraft	
33	Br Borneo	Oil,Gas	
34	Brown (N)	Drapery,Stores	
35	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
36	Lep	Transport	
37	Slough Estates	Property	
38	Life Sciences	Electricals	
39	WPP	Paper,Print,Adv	
40	Cairn Energy	Oil,Gas	
41	First Leisure	Leisure	
42	BPP	Newspapers,Pub	
43	Alexon	Drapery,Stores	
44	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

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The winner of the Portfolio *Platinum prize of £4,000 is* Henry Henney of east London.

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock out-standing £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int pay date	Gross yield
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
1344m	Treas 8% 1991	99⅝	..	8.0	..
1850m	Exch 11% 1991	100	● ..	11.0	..
2184m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99⅝	-⅛	11.8	..
484m	Treas 9% 1992	99⅝	+⅛	9.1	..
1638m	Treas 8% 1992	99	..	8.1	..
1599m	Treas 10% 1992	99⅞	..	10.0	..
1295m	Treas C10½% 1992	100⅛	● ..	10.5	..
1374m	Exch 12¾% 1992	101⅝	-⅛	12.0	..
778m	Treas 12¾% 1993	100⅛	-⅛	12.7	..
1815m	Exch 13½% 1993	103	-⅛	13.1	..
570m	Fund 9% 1993	98	..	9.2	..
785m	Treas 8¾% 1993	98⅛	..	8.4	..
1658m	Treas 10% 1993	100⅛	..	10.0	..
1145m	Treas 12½% 1993	104	..	12.0	..
1141m	Treas 13¾% 1993	107⅛	●-⅛	12.8	..
1732m	Treas 9¾% 1994	97⅞	-⅛	9.7	..
1700m	Treas 9% 1994	97⅛	-⅛	9.3	..
1908m	Treas 10% 1994	100⅛	-⅛	10.0	..
1317m	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅛	-⅛	11.8	..
1185m	Exch 13¾% 1994	107⅞	●-⅛	12.8	..
931m	Treas 14¼% 1994	109⅞	-⅛	13.5	..
198m	Gas 3% 1990-95	98½	..	3.4	..
2278m	Exch 10¼% 1995	101⅛	-⅛	10.1	..
2485m	Treas 12% 1995	109⅞	-⅛	11.0	..
818m	Treas 12¾% 1995	108⅛	●-⅛	11.7	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
739m	Treas 9% 1992-96	98⅞	-⅛	9.1	..
1119m	Conv 10% 1996	108⅛	●-⅛	9.2	..
1211m	Conv 10% 1996 B	100⅛	● ..	9.9	..
851m	Exch 13¼% 1996	111⅞	●-⅛	11.9	..
1352m	Treas 14% 1996	113⅞	-⅛	12.4	..
1362m	Treas 15¼% 1996	118⅛	●-⅛	12.9	..
3434m	Treas 8% 1997	95⅞	-⅛	9.2	..
3362m	Exch 10¼% 1997	102⅞	-⅛	10.0	..
1455m	Treas 13¼% 1997	112⅞	-⅛	11.7	..
1007m	Exch 15% 1997	121⅛	●-⅛	12.4	..
676m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	87⅞	● ..	7.7	..
3023m	Exch 9¼% 1998	98⅞	-⅛	9.5	..
4301m	Exch 10% 1998	110	●-⅛	10.9	..
1184m	Treas 13½% 1998	126⅞	-⅛	12.2	..
1432m	Treas 9% 1999	98⅞	..	9.0	..
1731m	Conv 10¼% 1999	101⅞	●-⅛	10.1	..
1329m	Treas 10½% 1999	103⅞	●-⅛	10.2	..
3236m	Exch 11¾% 1999	111⅞	-⅛	11.0	..
274m	Conv 9% 2000	98	..	9.4	..
3705m	Treas 13% 2000	116⅞	-⅛	11.1	..
695m	Conv 9¼% 2001	99⅞	..	9.2	..
3948m	Treas 10% 2001	101	..	9.8	..
681m	Treas 10% 2001 a	99⅞	-⅛	11.1	..
1149m	Treas 14% 1996-01	118⅞	●-⅛	11.8	..
72m	Exch 9% 2002	91⅞	●-⅛	11.0	..
3063m	Treas 9¾% 2002	99⅞	-⅛	9.8	..
516m	Conv 10% 2002	87⅞	..	11.4	..
1727m	Treas 10% 2003	101⅞	..	9.9	..
51m	Treas 13¾% 2003-05	117⅞	..	11.7	..
257m	Fund 9¼% 1999-04	99⅞	..	9.4	..
1677m	Conv 9¾% 2004	97⅞	●-⅛	9.7	..
1754m	Treas 11¼% 2001-04	109⅞	..	10.6	..
3373m	Conv 9¼% 2005	98	..	9.7	..
2607m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	118⅞	●-⅛	10.5	..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
1555m	Treas 8% 2002-06	96⅞	..	9.3	..
1538m	Treas 8¾% 2007	99⅞	..	9.4	..
3554m	Treas 11¼% 2003-07	112⅞	..	10.4	..
2665m	Treas 9% 2008	95⅞	..	9.5	..
——	Treas 9% 2008 C	94⅞	..	9.5	..
1573m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	125⅞	-⅛	10.7	..
865m	Treas 8% 2009	86⅞	..	9.2	..
211m	Conv 9% 2011	94⅞	..	9.5	..
——	Conv 9% 2011 PP	90⅞	..	9.6	..
——	Conv 9% 2011 A	95	..	9.5	..
638m	Treas 9¾% 2009-12	99⅞	..	9.8	..
580m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	82⅞	..	9.3	..
1216m	Exch 12% 2013-17	131⅞	-⅛	9.8	..
UNDATED					
69m	Consols 2½%	35⅞	-⅛	9.8	..
119m	Treas 2½%	25	-⅛	10.0	..
16m	Treas 3%	30	..	10.0	..
80m	Conv 3½%	38⅞	..	9.9	..
146m	Consols 4%	40⅞	-⅛	9.9	..
699m	War Ln 3½%	36⅞	●-⅛	9.7	..
INDEX-LINKED					
869m	Treas IL 2% 1992	133⅞	..	2.0	..
613m	Treas IL 2% 1994	122⅞	●+⅛	2.1	..
1945m	Treas IL 2% 1996	178⅞	..	2.2	..
1447m	Treas IL2½% 2001	144⅞	-⅛	3.0	..
1125m	Treas IL2½% 2003	140⅞	● ..	3.0	..
1711m	Treas IL 2% 2006	142⅞	..	2.7	..
1240m	Treas IL2½% 2009	130⅞	● ..	3.2	..
1852m	Treas IL2½% 2011	134⅞	..	3.3	..
1547m	Treas IL2½% 2013	110⅞	..	3.4	..
2001m	Treas IL2½% 2016	117⅞	-⅛	3.5	..
1637m	Treas IL2½% 2020	112⅞	-⅛	3.5	..
842m	Treas IL2½% 2024	93½	-⅛	3.7	..

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
3,886.0m	Abbey National	280	-6	13.1	4.7	9.7
1,073.0m	Allied Irish	185	-5	..	..	..
71.0m	Ansbacher (Henry)	38	-2	2.0	5.3	..
1,844.0m	Aus New Z	181	-5	..	..	..
4,960.4m	Bankamerica	123	-1½	..	..	..
591.1m	Bank of Ireland	137	-7	..	..	..
134.5m	Bank Leumi Il	219	..	..	..	..
25.3m	Bank Leumi UK	340	..	21.3	6.3	4.8
1,319.0m	Bank Of Scotland	115	●-2	8.6	4.9	16.5
5,515.0m	Barclays	415	-17	28.2	6.8	22.0
8,047.000	Benchmark	5	..	..	..	..
36.6m	Brown Shipley	228	+1	10.7	4.7	..
3,867.000	Carlisle	16	..	..	..	..
93.5m	Cater Allen	900	..	33.3	3.5	11.0
7.7m	Cedes	66	-1	5.1	7.8	9.7
1,480.0m	Chase Manhattan	211	-½	..	..	..
2,051.0m	Citicorp	39	-⅛	..	..	..
94.9m	Close Bros	225	..	11.7	4.8	12.2
86.3m	First Nat Fin	53	-10	..	..	2.9
——	GPG	..	..	..	..	..
119.2m	Gerrard Nat	308	-8	27.3	8.9	9.8
3,814.0m	HSBC	398	+5	..	..	..
471.8m	Hambros	210	-10	17.1	8.2	9.4
18.5m	Joseph (Leopold)	353	..	21.1	6.0	16.9
19.7m	King & Shaxson	125	..	13.7	11.0	..
418.6m	Kleinwort Benson	322	+1	21.3	6.6	..
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1,073.0m	Allied Irish	185	-5	..	..	..
71.0m	Ansbacher (Henry)	38	-2	2.0	5.3	..
1,844.0m	Aus New Z	181	-5	..	..	..
4,960.4m	Bankamerica	123	-1½	..	..	..
591.1m	Bank of Ireland	137	-7	..	..	..
134.5m	Bank Leumi Il	219	..	..	..	..
25.3m	Bank Leumi UK	340	..	21.3	6.3	4.8
1,319.0m	Bank Of Scotland	115	●-2	8.6	4.9	16.5
5,515.0m	Barclays	415	-17	28.2	6.8	22.0
8,047.000	Benchmark	5	..	..	..	..
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3,867.000	Carlisle	16	..	..	..	..
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2,051.0m	Citicorp	39	-⅛	..	..	..
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86.3m	First Nat Fin	53	-10	..	..	2.9
——	GPG	..	..	..	..	..
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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and week's change

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings begin today. Dealings end November 8. §Contango day November 11. Settlement day November 18.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Friday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices.

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BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
5,277.9m	Allied-Lyons	608	-3	25.1	4.1	22.9
4,115.3m	Bass	938	-31⅞	44.4	4.8	10.0
189.4m	Boddington	163	● ..	8.3	5.1	12.5
149.0m	Bulmer (H P)	260	-1	11.1	4.1	16.8
22.2m	Burtonwood Brew	207	+1	5.7	2.8	18.5
198.2m	Devenish (JA)	210	-5	7.3	3.5	15.5
——	Fosters Brewing Gp	79	..	..	..	..
8,538.0m	Grand Met	948	-11	28.3	3.3	15.3
435.8m	Greenall	354	-4	13.8	3.9	14.0
197.5m	Greene King	468	..	14.4	3.1	16.0
10,080.0m	Guinness	210½	..	25.9	2.5	16.2
47.8m	Hardys & Hansons	511½	-4½	47.8	4.0	14.5
364.3m	Highland Dist	282	+1	7.4	2.6	18.1
337.1m	Invergordon Dist	205	-5	7.3	3.8	21.5
76.9m	Marstons	484	-1	16.1	3.3	18.4
189.1m	Mentzer Thompson	238	..	6.0	2.7	16.2
38.8m	Matthew Clark	429	+1	18.7	4.4	18.7
69.6m	Morland	328	..	8.9	2.7	18.7
2,915.9m	SA Breweries	210½	+½	..	..	..
1,610.6m	Scot & Newc	560	-28	29.0	5.1	12.8
292.3m	Vaux Gp	213	-4	11.9	5.5	11.4
1,979.9m	Whitbread 'A'	458	-18	21.7	4.7	11.5
221.9m	Do 'B'	215½	..	21.7	1.6	86.6
897.9m	Wolverhampton & D	284	..	13.9	2.5	18.5
18.7m	Young 'A'	476	..	17.3	3.7	17.5

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
29.6m	Abbey	77	+2	..	..	..
407.2m	Amec	205	●+5	13.7	6.7	10.4
11.6m	Anglia Sec	36	..	..	..	..
——	Ardcliffe	..	..	..	..	..
220.6m	Attwoods	114	-5½	5.7	5.0	5.7
800.2m	BPB Ind	191	-8	16.0	8.3	23.2
38.0m	Baggeridge Brick	51	..	4.8	4.8	10.7
5,925.0m	Bailey (Geo) Const	98	..	13.1	2.9	13.0
99.1m	Barratt Dev	88	-1	4.8	7.5	..
227.2m	Bazer PLC	116	●-1	6.8	4.6	11.8
97.7m	Bellway	236	-5	14.7	6.9	13.5
——	Bellrich	..	..	..	..	..
175.9m	Berkeley Gp	288	-10	8.1	2.1	..
16.5m	Bett Bros	100	..	5.8	5.8	..
24.8m	Blackgate	100	●+2	6.4	6.4	11.7
1,922.5m	Blue Circle	258	●-5	18.0	7.0	14.4
35.4m	Boot (Henry)	69	+5	34.0	4.9	12.5
28.7m	Breedon PLC	101	..	6.1	6.0	10.4
23.4m	Br Dredging	139	●+1	8.9	7.4	10.9
254.0m	Bryant	98	● ..	6.4	6.5	38.7
23.6m	CALA	67	● ..	4.8	6.7	..
644.2m	CRH	225	-8	..	..	..
2,730.000	Calebrand Robey	52	..	..	..	18.4
7,009.000	Condor Gp	17	..	0.4	2.4	..
151.7m	Costain Group	69	●+6	19.8	34.7	..
60.5m	Countryside	101	-8	5.8	5.4	..
29.4m	Crest Nicholson	39	+1½	..	..	18.0
8,595.000	Cubitts	28	-1	..	..	..
77.5m	Douglas (Frig)	465	-6	14.0	3.0	5.8
20.4m	Edmond Hdgs	46½	●-1½	2.8	6.2	10.0
90.5m	Erith	65	●-1	5.3	7.9	20.0
229.3m	Evered Bardon	63½	●-1½	7.8	11.8	8.5
927.000	Firbin Gp	8	..	..	..	..
75.3m	Galliford	93	●-5	5.7	6.1	18.7
1,549.000	Gibbs & Dandy Ord	98	..	..	..	..
86.5m	Gleeson (MJ)	865	+8	14.6	1.7	11.4
3,043.000	Grahams Wood	92	..	7.5	14.0	3.1
7,193.000	Hanson Ind	299	..	4.5	7.5	14.3
171.2m	Hewden-Stuart	94	●-1	4.1	4.4	10.8
6,419.000	Hewetson	98	-1	6.0	6.7	8.9
197.1m	Heywood Williams	287	-7	16.7	5.8	11.7
71.0m	Higgs & Hill	101	●-9	24.7	16.5	23.8
14.1m	Hior Gp	55	● ..	3.6	10.9	8.9
4,016.000	Howard Hdgs	16	..	0.8	5.1	..
224.9m	Ibstock Johnsen	99	●-5	6.0	6.9	10.8
7,608.000	Jarvis	45	-7	0.8	1.8	11.8
119.3m	Laing (J)	267	●-11	17.5	6.5	28.8
19.4m	Lawrence (Walter)	40	..	6.0	15.0	34.2
67.6m	Lilley	49½	+½	8.8	7.8	8.0
67.3m	Lovell (Y J)	117	-1	11.8	10.1	7.0
55.1m	Marston	167	..	9.8	5.7	16.8
202.7m	Marley	115	●-6	8.5	7.4	41.1
84.5m	Marshalls	91	-2	6.7	7.4	19.8
32.0m	Maunders (J)	198	●+4	8.8	4.5	13.7
104.0m	McAlpine (Alfred)	194	-4	13.7	7.0	18.0
49.7m	McCarthy & S	71	+1	3.5	4.9	..
440.0m	Meyer Int	446	+4	23.0	5.2	10.0
341.1m	Miskin (John)	232	●+1	28.0	12.4	10.0
37.3m	MSM	16	+½	0.7	4.4	..
184.5m	Newman Tonks	138	..	10.4	7.5	10.4
241.6m	Pentreboch	251	-10	11.5	4.4	11.4
9,880.000	Phoenix Timber	30	..	0.7	2.3	..
12.4m	Pochin	218	●-5	8.1	3.7	7.1
22.9m	Prowting	176	-5	8.8	5.0	25.8
1,088.7m	RMC 6%	990	●-15	30.0	4.8	10.0
173.9m	Raine Ind	137	●-1	8.0	5.8	10.0
1,680.1m	Redland	467	●-33	30.8	6.7	8.8
10.0m	Rosehill	57	+1	0.7	1.2	8.1
510.8m	Rugby Group	176	-3	8.8	4.8	11.8
17.2m	Sharpe & Fisher	84	●-1	5.8	6.8	..
31.0m	Sheffield Ind	130	● ..	7.8	5.8	8.8
20.1m	Smart (J)	200	..	8.8	8.8	8.8
30.7m	Stancroft	18	r ..	0.4	2.2	38.7
411.3m	Steetley	285	●-4	18.7	7.1	7.8
1,166.7m	Tarmac	160	●-12	18.0	8.4	10.3
38.4m	Tay Homes	188	..	7.1	4.8	8.8
267.4m	Taylor Woodrow	188	-4	12.7	6.7	10.8
202.9m	Tilbury Group	800	●-50	44.0	7.5	8.4
221.9m	Travis Perkins	288	●-6	10.7	4.7	21.1
24.2m	Try Group	88	●-2	8.0	14.5	12.1
1,698.000	Tunnel	148	-4	8.7	28.8	..
49.3m	Wimpey	105	+1	4.0	4.6	10.7
35.5m	Ward Group	107	● ..	4.0	4.7	4.1
82.0m	Ward Hdgs	81	-5	8.0	9.7	..
53.1m	Watts Blake	400	●-1	12.4	3.1	18.0
63.0m	Westbury	140	-7	18.0	8.6	..
2,131.000	Wiggins	13½	..	..	..	..
318.6m	Wilson Bowden	408	●-20	11.3	2.7	14.3
332.4m	Wimpey (George)	161	-1	8.1	5.0	17.7
444.0m	Wimpey G	154	●+1	14.0	9.1	16.4
18.1m	YRM	77	..	6.7	8.7	7.8

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
484.0m	Allied Colloids	178	..	4.7	2.6	18.1
199.8m	Amchem	378	+6	17.7	4.7	22.8
127.5m	Anglo Utd	38½	+½	5.1	6.5	..
190.8m	BTP	242	+3	11.8	4.8	16.1
37.4m	Biggins	118½	-6	12.7	10.7	13.4
81.4m	Brent Chemi	151	●-5	5.8	3.8	11.8
53.7m	Caird Gp	94	●-3	5.4	5.8	..
47.3m	Canning (W)	188	●+4	8.7	3.8	14.0
217.3m	Croda	248	●+1	16.8	6.8	10.1
165.6m	Ellis & Everard	300	-8	12.4	4.7	12.5
4,039.000	European Colour	13½	-½	0.9	6.7	11.0
48.5m	Evode	87	+5	8.8	12.8	8.7
55.1m	Halstead (James)	378	●+8	16.0	4.0	10.9
212.2m	Hickson	157	r ..	10.7	6.7	11.9
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995.5m	Laporte	571	●-13	34.3	4.3	12.5
179.4m	Leigh	238	+4	10.9	3.8	18.5
213.2m	MTM	240	●+1	7.0	2.9	13.0
97.7m	Peterson Zoch	400	..	13.9	3.5	12.4
98.8m	Do 'A'	390	..	13.9	3.6	12.1
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1,364.9m	Rensfold	382	●-8	4.8	1.4	25.8
28.7m	Sutcliffe Speakman	187½	..	..	..	..
81.0m	Synthetic Stones plc	320	+8	20.0	6.1	11.4
18.1m	Wolstenholme Rink	285	●+6	21.7	7.6	9.3
95.1m	Yorkshire Chem	505	+3	16.5	3.6	13.4
181.2m	Yule Catto	216	● ..	8.7	3.1	18.7

DRAPERY, STORES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
120.3m	Alexon	413	+4	11.7	2.8	16.3
113.7m	Amber Day	124	+4	3.80	2.9	17.8
988.0m	Argos Plc	328	●+3	8.1	2.5	20.2
220.7m	Ashley (Laura)	94	-1	0.1	0.1	..
9,658.000	Austin Reed	365	● ..	12.7	3.5	55.8
67.6m	Beatie (James) 'A'	147	● ..	7.3	5.0	11.5
67.4m	Bentalls	161	●-2	8.1	3.2	28.8
62.2m	Better Come Prods	203	+7	3.1	1.5	30.5
30.4m	Blacks Leis	103	-4	4.3	4.2	9.0
646.7m	Body Shop	294	+4	1.8	0.6	43.6
7,374.000	Brown & Jackson	6	+½	1.8	31.7	1.4
198.7m	Brown (N)	270	+6	7.7	2.9	17.8
6,528.000	Burton	45½	..	4.0	8.8	3.2
23.5m	Canons 'A'	187	●-1	5.3	2.8	15.7
33.8m	Church	313	-2	16.7	5.3	18.3
1,069.4m	Costa Vgolla	185	-1	9.3	5.0	16.5
80.6m	Courts Furnishers	302	+7	6.7	2.2	22.5
25.0m	Dewhirst (J)	27	r ..	0.9	3.3	12.8
931.5m	Dixons Grp	241	-18	7.7	3.2	25.6
785.5m	Dunelt	453	-22	9.3	2.1	15.5
23.1m	EMA Gp	35	-1	..	..	16.5
9,360.000	Elys (Wimbledon)	760	..	21.3	2.7	12.5
149.6m	Etam	229	+2	8.2	3.6	23.8
284.3m	Fine Art Dev	372	+4	13.1	3.5	16.1
5,130.000	Final Earth Tiles	98	●+8	5.4	5.0	10.7
11.6m	Formfoster	453	..	15.7	3.5	8.2
19.8m	Gent SR	54	● ..	2.7	5.0	48.2
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106.7m	GUS	219½	-½	50.0b	2.5	16.9
3,277.3m	Do 'A'	213½	-½	50.0	3.7	11.7
205.7m	Hartstone	207	+11	4.3	2.1	18.8
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76.3m	Liberty	660	● ..	9.4	1.4	25.4
7,674.0m	Marks & Spencer	277	+½	8.9	3.2	18.4
230.5m	Menzies (John)	461	●-6	12.5	2.8	19.9
21.5m	Moss Bros	139	..	6.7	5.2	16.0
184.3m	Next	80	+1	..	..	..
20.8m	Oliver (G)	69	●-2	5.2	5.3	68.3
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222.7m	Raleigh Group	76	●+3	13.3	17.5	3.1
18.4m	S & U Stores	139	●+3	10.0	7.2	6.7
1,926.0m	Sears	100	-1	7.2	7.2	21.2
1,087.1m	Smith WH 'A'	458	+5	16.7	3.7	18.4
430.4m	Stonehould	105	-7	6.7	6.4	51.2
141.6m	T & S Stores	222	● ..	7.0	3.2	17.5
13.6m	Tie Rack	77	..	..	..	..
75.4m	Time Products	144	+4	8.7	6.7	11.4
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ELECTRICALS

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27.1m	AB Elect	95	-5	0.1	0.1	..
152.3m	ACT Group	142	+1	5.0	3.5	14.4
34.4m	Admiral	321	-4	5.8	1.8

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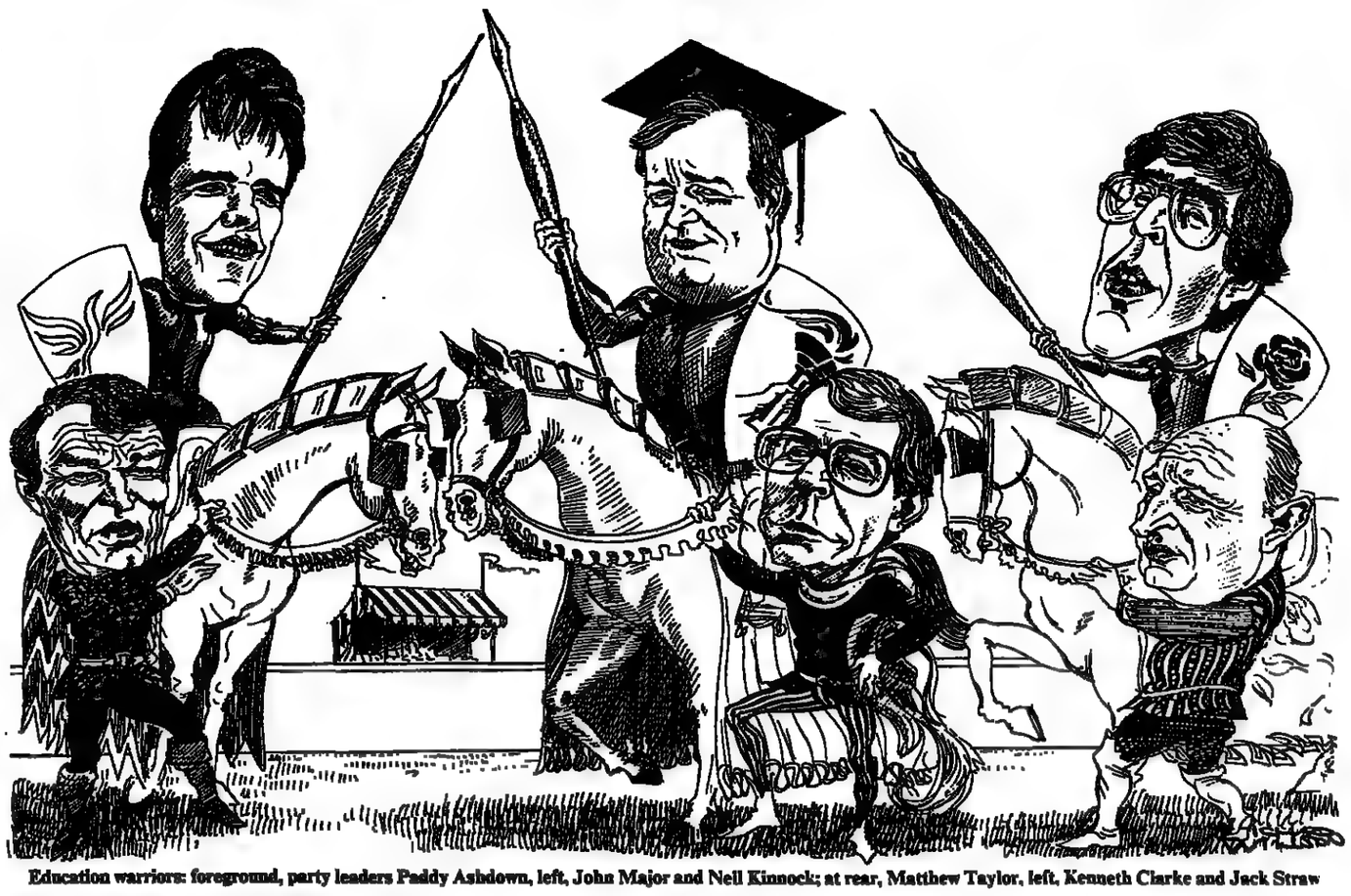
EDUCATION TIMES

MONDAY OCTOBER 28 1991

What are Britain's politicians promising on education? **David Tytler**, education editor, lists in detail the policies each party wants to apply

A form guide to the schools election stakes

As the election approaches, the plans of the main political parties for schools, colleges and higher education are taking shape



Education warriors: foreground, party leaders Paddy Ashdown, left, John Major and Neil Kinnock; at rear, Matthew Taylor, left, Kenneth Clarke and Jack Straw

Education will be one of the big issues in the general election and all three party leaders will lend their personal support to raising standards and improving the quality of state education.

John Major, Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown have all emphasised their own commitment to improved quality. They all agree that standards have to be raised, that the staying-on rate after 16 has to be improved, and that the barrier between vocational and academic courses should be removed.

There are many points of similarity between Labour and the Social Democrats, so the arguments about how the common goals can be achieved rage mainly between Labour and the Conservatives.

Some of the government's latest reforms, mostly about further and higher education, are expected to be announced in the Queen's Speech on Thursday, but this is how the parties line up on the main issues.

NURSERY EDUCATION

Conservatives say 78 per cent of under-fives are now in nursery education, including play groups. The government will not commit itself to nursery education for all because it says limited resources have to be placed elsewhere.

Labour promises nursery education for all children aged three and four, if requested. Labour would use money saved by the scrapping of the city technology colleges to kick-start a nursery programme of 20,000 places.

Liberal Democrats would guarantee local authority nursery education for all children aged three and four, although parents would have the right to make their own arrangements, including play groups, if they wished.

OPTING OUT

Conservatives see grant-maintained schools as the flagship of parent power and will look at ways to make it easier for parents to take their children's schools out of local authority control. Of the 24,000 state schools, 102 are now grant-maintained, 21 more are to open in January and 76 are waiting for approval. Parents in 20 other schools have voted in favour and votes are due in 20 more.

Labour has always opposed grant-maintained schools, saying the government "bribes" schools with extra cash grants to leave council control, making sensible local planning impossible. The party is pledged to return all schools to the local authority or church that formerly controlled them.

Liberal Democrats would hand back grant-maintained schools to reformed local authorities, which would be given the same powers over their schools as the education department has over grant-maintained schools.

CITY TECHNOLOGY COLLEGES (CTCs)

Conservatives have been disappointed with the slow progress made in opening city technology colleges originally intended to attract donations from industry as "beacons of excellence" in inner-city areas. Instead of the 20 colleges promised by the end of 1989, there are now 13, and two more due to open. Eighty per cent of the start-up costs have been found by the taxpayer. The government is still seeking ways to extend the programme through grant-maintained and voluntary-aided CTCs.

Labour would stop the programme on the grounds that the CTCs are taking too much money away from mainstream state schools and are creating a "two-tier" education service. The existing colleges would be handed to the local authorities.

Liberal Democrats treat CTCs in the same was they propose for grant-maintained schools.

A-LEVELS

Conservatives are alone in supporting A-levels almost unchanged as the "gold standard" of education and the main route into university. Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, has consistently rejected plans for five "broader, leaner" A-levels and relies on the comparatively new Advanced Supplementary examination, AS-level, to broaden sixth-form education.

Labour believes the AS-level has *failed to win popularity with sixth-formers* or be widely accepted by universities. A Labour government would introduce five A-levels, as originally proposed by Gordon Higginson, the vice-chancellor of Southampton University, as the best way to broaden sixth-form education.

Liberal Democrats would introduce a new system of examinations from 14 onwards, on which people can build qualifications at their own pace. A-levels would be replaced with new examinations at a similar standard.

SCHOOL INSPECTION

Conservatives are reforming Her Majesty's Inspectors of schools (HMI), cutting them from 480 to 175. Their main task will be approving new teams of inspectors, which could come from local authorities or private companies. Schools would have to be inspected at least once every four years. Governors would have to publish a summary of the report in their school brochure and explain what steps they are taking to deal with any criticism.

Labour plans an Education Standards Commission, which would oversee the work of a combined inspectorate using the HMI and local authority inspectors. Labour would separate the advisory and monitoring roles of the HMI and says schools should be inspected at least once every five years and the reports be made available to parents.

Liberal Democrats would strengthen HMI and create an education ombudsman, who could be called in by parents. Local inspectors would become advisers, who could be bought in by schools if they wished.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING 16-19

Conservatives intend to remove all further education and sixth-form colleges from local authority control, handing them over to an independent funding council. New ordinary and advanced diplomas would be introduced from 1994 to bridge the gap between vocational and academic courses.

Labour would introduce an Advanced Certificate of Education and Training to cover both vocational and academic studies, or a mixture of both. Labour promises to ensure that either training or education would be available for all between 16 and 18 and would hand the further education and sixth-form colleges back to the local authorities.

Liberal Democrats would legislate to require everybody aged 16 to 19 in employment to undertake education or training for two days a week, leading to nationally recognised qualifications. Companies could set up their own courses, which would have to be approved. Further education colleges would be handed back to the education authorities.

INDEPENDENT EDUCATION

Conservatives have no plans to reform independent education but are so far also refusing to extend the assisted-places scheme, which pays government grants to enable bright children of poorer families to attend independent schools.

Labour no longer intends to abolish independent education but would phase out the assisted-places scheme and re-examine the charitable status now held by independent schools. Under Labour, these schools would have to show that they were contributing to the educational provision of the area as a whole to qualify and that they deserved charitable status. Independent schools would have to follow the national curriculum, like state schools.

Liberal Democrats have a policy that is broadly in line with the intentions of the Labour party.

UNIVERSITIES

Conservatives are to abandon the distinction between polytechnics and universities, thus allowing polytechnics to use the title university. Mr Clarke also favours a review of the traditional three-year degree, believing that some courses can be completed inside two years while others will require four years.

Labour would introduce financial incentives to help institutions to open their doors to a wider range of students with a broader and more flexible selection of options, such as two-year courses coupled with vocational training. An independent higher education standards commission would guarantee quality. Over-50s would be able to return to full-time or part-time education in courses that would normally last for a year.

Liberal Democrats plan an expansion of higher education mainly by making it easier for adults to re-enter the system, possibly using local colleges to study the first year of a degree course. The degree system would be reformed to allow a two-year diploma, a three-year degree and a four-year honours degree.

TEACHER TRAINING

Conservatives intend to make teacher-training more practical. Most of the training would take place in schools. Ministers are considering setting up designated training schools linked to teacher-training colleges. Proposals for reforms are expected to be announced soon, but the present four-year course for the Bachelor of Education degree is likely to be cut substantially.

Labour would give all newly qualified teachers support from senior staff in the school, introduce a national core curriculum for teacher-training, a more intensive and shorter postgraduate course and pilot teacher-training schools, and pay a loyalty bonus for teachers who stay in schools.

Liberal Democrats also favour the practical approach of school-based training and training schools.

FUNDING

Conservatives are making no firm commitment on the amount of money they would be prepared to spend on education, although they claim a 40 per cent rise in real terms since they came to power in 1979. The government has introduced a Teachers' Pay Review Body, which will set salaries from next April.

Labour says it would restore spending as a proportion of the gross national product to its 1979 level of 5.5 per cent, compared with the present 4.6 per cent. Labour has not said how long this would take. Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, says he would support a teachers' pay review body if it was seen to be genuinely independent of the government.

Liberal Democrats are committed to raising income tax by 1p if they discover this is the only way to find the extra cash required to repair buildings, pay adequate teachers' salaries and give every school adequate resources and equipment. They are in favour of a pay review body but would reconsider some of the special powers given to ministers.

PARENT POWER

Conservatives set great store by the Parent's Charter, published as part of the Citizen's Charter. Schools would have to publish the results of national curriculum testing and examination results alongside truancy rates.

The **Labour** parents' partnership will contain similar information, but Mr Straw is unconvinced about the value of examination results alone. He favours a "value-added rating", taking into account the background and ability of children entering the school. Parents would also be asked to enter into a home-school contract, under which both make a number of commitments, for example, on submitting and marking homework. Parents would also have the right to take complaints to the Education Standards Commission and give evidence at public enquiries into any proposed school closures or mergers.

Liberal Democrats also favour parent-teacher-pupil agreements to replace testing. A record of achievement would be developed, in conjunction with parents, to go right through a child's career.

STUDENT LOANS

Conservatives introduced student loans in 1990. In the first year, more than 180,000 students (28 per cent) received loans worth £70 million. More than half of all students are expected to apply this year. This year, more than 30,000 students have so far applied for loans, significantly highter than the same time last year.

Labour and Liberal Democrats would replace the loans with a new system of student grants.

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NOTICEBOARD

Hungry for books

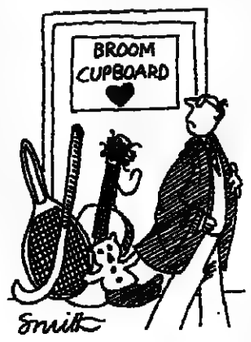
MORE than 40 African education ministers begin what is believed to be their largest meeting outside their own continent today in Manchester town hall. They have been brought together for three days by the British Council to discuss the book famine in African schools. The conference is the first of a series of meetings on the World Bank's efforts to increase the availability of textbooks and improve libraries in Africa.

Winning team

ALAN Smithers, the professor of education at Manchester University, might have wondered about the value of education when he was reunited with members of his primary school football team from Dagenham, Essex, for Channel 4's state schools enquiry. Although he was the only one who went on to grammar school and higher education, the programme did not mention that one former team-mate became a stockbroker, another had a Mercedes and a swimming-pool, and a third was at his country cottage during filming. Professor Smithers says: "Their success just illustrates how our education system fails to serve talented people."

Here to stay

NATIONAL Boarding Week was so popular at a Devon school that it has been hard to persuade some young visitors to leave. St Michael's, in Tawstock, near Barnstaple, gave local children three days of lessons and nights in dormitories as its contribution to the campaign. Two girls liked the life so much that they hid in a broom cupboard when their fathers came to collect them. James Batten, the headmaster of the 200-pupil prep and pre-prep school, says: "We have been astounded by the response. Our visitors have just come pouring in. They all seem to want to stay."



Unhallowed

GWENT education authority is advising head teachers to ban Hallowe'en activities in schools. The county's schools have formerly used the festival to raise funds, holding discos and fancy dress parties. This year, however, the authority wants to avoid upsetting a vociferous group of born-again parents who claim Hallowe'en is not fun but a means of wooing children into witchcraft.

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POSTS

Queen Margaret College
EDINBURGH

Management Posts In Higher Education

Queen Margaret College is a growing, dynamic, university-level College providing professional and vocational courses based on 'service to people'. In particular we are the largest provider of Health Care degrees and post-experience courses in the UK. Under the Government's recent proposals, Queen Margaret College will be funded through the Scottish Higher Education Funding Council for Universities and Colleges. Expansion and early retirals have provided the opportunity for further development of our management structure and we now seek to fill several major posts. For two of these posts we are seeking applicants who do not have a background in education.

Further particulars and application forms are available from the PA to the Principal, Queen Margaret College, Clerwood Terrace, Edinburgh, EH12 8TS (Telephone: 031-317 3202), to whom completed application forms should be returned by Friday 8 November 1991.

Marketing and Development
Salary around £35,000
This is an Assistant Principal post which is required to bring vital additional skills to the senior management team. The duties will centre on creating and operating a marketing philosophy and encouraging an enterprise culture within the College. You will also be expected to maximise the potential for synergy between the College's academic departments and commercial activities. All external and internal marketing, public relations, development fund, business development and commercial activities, including the highly successful 'Capital Campus' programme of conference, course and vacation letting, will fall within the remit of the post and hence substantial relevant experience at a senior level in the private or public sectors is required. Applicants should be graduates with relevant professional qualifications. The salary will be commensurate with experience and the appointment, on administrative conditions of service, will be for 3 years in the first instance.

Academic Development
Salary around £35,000
This is an Assistant Principal post within the senior management team, sharing with the Vice Principal responsibility for the work of all academic departments and major committees, including the initiation of academic policy and the general management of academic resources and services. College-wide functions will be chosen from Learning Information Services, Educational Policy, Research, and Academic Standards. The precise division of responsibility will be made according to the expertise of the person appointed, but senior academic management experience in higher education related to health care professions is preferred. The salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience and the appointment, on administrative conditions of service, may be offered on a fixed-term or open-ended basis. The title of Professor will be available to an appointee who meets the College's criteria.

Modular Programmes
Salary in range £29,694 - £33,942
A Director of Modular and Access Programmes is required to lead the establishment and development of a modular programme of studies based on the complete range of the College's existing undergraduate and post-experience courses. The Director will be responsible for co-ordinating all aspects of the development and operation of the programme and related College activities concerned with maximising flexibility by such means as access programmes and in particular, credit accumulation and transfer (CATS). Applicants must have substantial experience in a promoted post in Higher Education including responsibility for the management of undergraduate studies within a modular programme. The title of Professor will be available to an appointee who meets the College's criteria. The appointment, with academic conditions of service, may be offered on a fixed-term or open-ended basis.

Human Resources
Salary around £28,000
A Director of Human Resources Development is required to establish and lead an effective and professional Human Resources management and development service throughout the institution. This will involve, inter alia, the development and implementation of policy and procedures relating to the recruitment, appointment, induction training and development of all categories and grades of College staff. A key responsibility will be the successful implementation and extension of the College's recently approved Career Review and Staff Development scheme to all categories of staff. Candidates for the post should be graduates and hold appropriate professional qualifications and experience together with a commitment to innovative HR practices. Experience in the context of higher education might be an advantage. The appointment, on administrative conditions of service, will be for 3 years in the first instance.

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POSTS

RMIT

Faculty of Engineering

Head, Depart. of Civil & Geological Engineering (REF NO 111-01-A)

Head, Department of Mechanical Engineering (REF NO 114-01-A)

Head, Department of Communication & Electronic Engineering (REF NO 112-01-A)

Head, Department of Aerospace Engineering (REF NO 116-31-A)

Head, Department of Computer Systems Engineering (REF 117-40-A)

The RMIT is a city campus situated in Melbourne, Australia. Melbourne is a cosmopolitan multicultural city of 3.1 million in the state of Victoria. Melbourne's climate is temperate, and the city is internationally recognised for its performing arts and sporting events.

RMIT has 31,000 students and is currently negotiating the incorporation of Phillip Institute of Technology which has a similar vocational philosphy, and has a wide range of courses, some of which are unique in Australia, spread across an additional two campuses. Once merged, the university will be the strongest multi-level technological university in Australia, and will have approximately 40,000 enrolled students.

The Faculty of Engineering at RMIT is the second largest engineering faculty in Australia currently has approx. 2800 students enrolled in 12 different undergraduate Bachelor degree programmes, five Graduate Diplomas Masters by coursework in Systems Engineering, Project Management, Information Technology, Quality Management, Advanced Manufacturing Technology and Design. It is expected these numbers will increase on the two additional campuses. These coursework activities are complemented by both Masters and PhD research programmes. In addition to research carried out in departments, the Faculty focusses it research in the following Centres: Advanced Computer Graphics Centre, Microelectronics and Materials Technology Centre, National Institute of Pavement Studies, Centre for Aeorspace Design Technology, Rheology and Materials Processing Centre, Centre for Advanced Technology in Telecommunications, Centre for Concurrent Computing.

The Faculty of Engineering at RMIT has restructured its Faculty from three to seven departments creating five vacant positions at Head of Department level.

The position of Head of Department has as its focus the effective management of staff, quality control of courses, research and consulting, financial and resource management, strategic planning and promotion of the Department's courses, research and consulting activities.

All positions will carry the title of Professor: Salary $73,800 per annum. The stated salary of A$73,800 p.a. is transitional and will increase to A$77,900 p.a. in July 1992. All positions are for a fixed term of five years with the prospect of further term appointments.

Selection will be made on the Key Selection Criteria contained in the Position Descriptions which are available from Human Resources Management Group on Phone: (03) 660 4600 or Fax (03) 663 7853. For further information please contact Professor W Gerrard, Dean, on (03) 660 2523 or Fax (03) 663 7873.

Applications in writing and quoting reference numbers should be addressed to the Senior Appointments Officer by 25th October for Associate Deans & by 22nd November 1991 for Head of Department positions.

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POLICY OFFICER (EDUCATION)

SALARY : £26,160 - £28,704

Applications are invited for this post at principal policy officer level in the Association's Education Section.

The Association represents the counties of England and Wales in negotiations and consultations with central government and acts as a source of information and advice on local government issues to counties, media and other organisations.

The post carries considerable responsibility including liaison with the DES and the Association's 46 member counties, dealing with outside bodies and servicing the Association's Education Committee. The post holder reports directly to the Education Officer and/or the Under Secretary (Education).

The qualities sought include high intellectual ability, good writing, oral and inter-personal skills and an interest in political processes. Previous experience of committee administration is highly desirable and knowledge of the work of County Councils would be an asset.

Local Government Conditions of Service apply.

Further particulars of the appointment and a form of application are obtainable from the Office Manager, Association of County Councils, 66a Eaton Square, LONDON SW1W 9BH. Tel: 071 235 1200.

Closing date for applications is 11 November 1991.

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Applications are invited from women or men with relevant experience and sympathy with the College's aims. They should be made by letter enclosing a full C.V., by November 11th to Martin Comray, President, Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham B29 6LQ, telephone: 021 472 4231, from whom further details are available. Selly Oak Colleges have an Equal Opportunities Policy.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
Department of Physics

Chair in Polymer Physics

Applications are invited for a Chair in Polymer Physics which is intended to replace that held by Professor I.M. Ward FRS, who retires on 30 September 1993. This post is available from 1 October 1992 as it is intended that the new Chair holder will have one year of overlap with Professor Ward. Candidates will be expected to have a proven and well-supported record of research in the field of Polymer Physics, but need not necessarily be currently working in a conventional Physics department. The successful candidate will be required to lead the research effort in Polymer Physics and to interact with the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Polymer Science and Technology of which Professor Ward is the Director. The Salary will be within the professional range.

Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Staff Office, Office of the Registrar, The University of Leeds, LS2 9JT. (telephone number 0532 333969) quoting reference number 52/65. Applications (two copies) giving details of qualifications, age and experience, naming three referees and providing a statement on how, if successful, the applicant would envisage fulfilling the requirements of the post should reach the Academic Staff Office not later than 9 December 1991.

Applicants from overseas may apply in the first instance by telex (556473 UNILDS G) or facsimile (0532-335779), naming three referees, one of whom should preferably be in the United Kingdom.

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ACADEMIC REGISTRAR

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Applications are invited for the post of Academic Registrar for appointment from 1 April 1992 or as soon as possible thereafter.

The Academic Registrar is responsible for the provision of advice and support for decision taking on academic policies and for the implementation of decisions relating to academic activities.

Applicants should be graduates with a wide range of administrative managerial and committee experience. The person appointed will be expected to have an imaginative, flexible approach to academic administration, to be sensitive to the concerns of academic staff and students, and to be strongly committed to team work and to the maximising of the contribution of each member of the staff of the Section.

Applications in writing (eight copies) including a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees should be received by the Registrar & Secretary, (A/234/T), University of Essex, Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ by 22 November 1991. Further particulars of this post may be obtained by telephoning Colchester (0206) 872462 (24 hours).

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The United States is asking Britain's help to improve standards, **Lucy Hodges** reports

America to go down the testing route

The Americans are looking to Britain for lessons in educational reform. Usually, it is the other way about. However, such is the concern with the comparative performance of American children in mathematics and science that the United States is thinking the unthinkable: testing of children at ages nine, 13 and 17 against national standards in five subjects.

Lord Griffiths, a former adviser to Mrs Thatcher and the chairman of the Schools Examination and Assessment Council, has had talks with a Congressional body investigating the idea of establishing national standards and tests, and the Assessment of Performance Unit (APU) has been sharing its views with American educational experts.

Archie Le Pointe, the executive director of America's Center for Assessment of Educational Progress, says the centre is "trying to emulate" some of the steps that have been taken in Britain.

Americans looked on in amazement as Britain transformed its education system during the 1980s, ushering in a national curriculum and testing at specific ages. American political leaders would love to make similar change but are hampered by the federal nature of American government, in which education is a state matter. The lion's share of education is funded through local property taxes, and the federal government contributes only 6 per cent of the total budget.

Both President Bush and his education secretary, Lamar Alexander, understand the value of public relations and of waiting while the political climate shifts before they can make changes.

The president's big education reform package, "America 2000", announced with fanfare in May, has weathered surprisingly well since then, considering it amounted, as the president put it, to "nothing less than a revolution in American education".

A pot-pourri of reforms, laced with a good deal of rhetoric, it contained everything from alternative certification of teachers, new model schools in each congressional district and a voucher scheme enabling low-income parents to send children to the school of their choice, to the national standards and tests.

Some of these ideas are unpopular with teaching unions; others are disliked by congressmen, by the states or by one political party or the other. By no means are they all opposed by an alliance.

Al Shankar, who leads the American Federation of Teachers, is, for example, in favour of testing, as are many Democrats. On the other hand, Mr Shankar abhors the voucher notion.

Individual states are sensitive about the federal government moving into the heart of schooling by laying down what should be taught in mathematics, science, English, history and geography, then comparing one state with another through the tests.

There is concern about how prescriptive the standards will be, and about whether the government will be held to any standards in providing resources. The liberals say there cannot be standards of achievement without equalisation of funding; the conservatives argue that local discretion is needed and that money is not the answer to educational ills.

The testing and standards issues are so sensitive to handle constitutionally that they have been given to a congressional body to find a consensus. All interested groups are conferring to discuss whether it is feasible to have national standards, albeit voluntary ones, and tests. They have until the end of the year to make a formal recommendation.

The executive director of the congressional body, Francie Alexander, has learnt from Lord Griffiths about problems with tests that were considered too elaborate and the aim in the US will be to make national tests as simple to administer as possible.

When it is decided to introduce standards and testing — and there seems little doubt they will happen — a decision will have to be made about whether to have a quasi-governmental or a private body running the new system. The idea of the federal government doing it has aleady been ruled out.

At the education department, Lamar Alexander is busy charming and cajoling the education interest groups and the states. He has come up with the wonderful gimmick of signing up states to be America 2000 states, often with great fanfare and in the presence of the first lady, Barbara Bush.

By the end of this month, 19 out of 50 states will have put their names to President Bush's campaign of reform, although their only specific commitment is to agree to support a new model school in their area.

There is talk of standards and testing, and what a long way American students have to go to compete with the Japanese, the British and the Irish. As one commentator put it, "the debate has altered. Once upon a time, these matters were not on the table. Now they are, and the pace of softening-up is going to increase."

Where are American parents in this debate? The answer is on the sidelines. Opinion polls show, however, that they overwhelmingly favour more "choice" and more testing; there is less resistance than in Britain to dividing children into ability groups and testing them.

At this rate, the president may yet see the first tests for nine-year-olds ready in two years' time, by September 1993, and the other tests in schools a year later. There is, anyway, little doubt he will retain the commitment to reform.

George Bush at a school in Chicago: "If you want to be the president, learn to read,' he told students

How Britain can build on its youthful resources

A.H. Halsey, below, believes that a new commission he is serving on may have found a way of best utilising young talent

Britain has laboured for 200 years under the disadvantage of being the first industrial nation. Accordingly, its industrial skills were self-taught. Industrialists believed until recently that they owed nothing to school teachers.

Educational paths to economic advance were for "abroad". British exceptionalism resided in family and workshop inventiveness and craft skill. Germany and the United States, and more recently Japan, deliberately used their schools to catch up and pass the old competitor.

Agitation preoccupied a small segment of the educated minority, from roughly the time of Matthew Arnold to Anthony Crosland. Apathy was the popular response. Now at last there is a more lively and widespread sense of urgency.

Something must be done, and with the objective of a "world-class labour force", all parties are, in principle, agreed. Disagreement occurs when the means to the end are discussed. Channel 4 therefore set up a commission of experts from across the political spectrum and asked it to find consensual recommendations for immediate action.

Neville Postlethwaite, Sig Prais, Alan Smithers, Hilary Steedman and I agreed to serve. To succeed, we knew we had to suspend ancient political prejudices, focus on practical proposals and identify the essence of the educational problem.

I thought at first that we would fail, that the dragons of traditional ideology would destroy accord. We escaped negatively, by making two bold and conflict-avoiding assumptions: first, that children would come from adequately supported parental backgrounds, and second, that a high employment economy would await their emergence from schooling. These two push-and-pull factors are necessary for the strong motivation of any system of learning.

Then, more positively, and with deliberate simplification, we identified the anatomy of British school failure. The British system, we agreed, contained a huge paradox. As a nurturer of talent, Britain is high among the first rank of nations. British sixth-form and university standards command world-wide admiration and are remarkably efficient.

As a developer of the supply of ordinary talent, Britain is, however, a profligate waster. So comparisons with the ordinary children of other countries, from Norway to South Korea, relegate Britain's effort to near the bottom of the league of industrial or industrialising countries.

Motivating: Professor Halsey

We concentrated our attention on what could be done to improve standards in state secondary education, leaving aside the private sector and primary schools. We asked what could be done to improve standards for the majority, without calling for any politically contentious extra input of resources.

The bare bones of our proposals are that within existing school structures, children follow from the ages of 11 to 14 an improved national curriculum in comprehensive lower secondary schools, tested internally and externally (for individual diagnosis and collective checks on standards respectively) and move through the years only on satisfactory attainment rather than just by age.

In secondary schools, pupils and parents, influenced by teacher guidance, should choose their own further track. There would be three broad, flexible and overlapping choices — the academic, the technical and the vocational. None would be terminal.

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More detail is laid out in the commission report, "Every Child in Britain", which Channel 4 has circulated to all secondary schools and chief education officers.

Will it work? The initial response from the party spokesman on television last Wednesday night was encouraging. We can reasonably expect that education policy will figure more prominently than ever before on the hustings in the run-up to the general election next year.

Is the public, however, still asleep? I do not know, but I strongly suspect that the system we have had hides a vital public issue in the sub-political obscurity of a million private anxieties of parents for their children and pupils for their failures.

We may now have the opportunity to elevate individual miseries into a reasoned public debate. Since 1983, Roger Jowell and his colleagues at Social and Community Planning Research have conducted public opinion surveys and published them as "British Social Attitudes".

The next report, due out in November, analyses opinion and belief throughout the nation in 1990. The picture in that year of attitudes towards the performance of state secondary schools echoes discouragingly the commission's view of the problem in British education.

Almost two-thirds of a national sample of the population still considers the schools ineffective in preparing people for work. An almost identical majority believes that the secondary schools "fail to bring out young people's natural abilities".

Our commission has directly addressed these private disquiets with proposals for raising the standards of practical as well as theoretical schooling and a system designed, at last, to motivate the majority.

The author is a fellow of Nuffield College, Oxford

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Nigel Benn makes an unconvincing start to his quest for another contest with Chris Eubank

New image survives its first exposure

By SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

BY CHOOSING the comfortable option of boxing at super-middleweight, Nigel Benn could be making life uncomfortable for himself.

Before his first appearance at the heavier weight against Lenzie Morgan at Brentwood Saturday, he had said: "I'm comfortable at 12 stone. Why not work at that?"

After beating the American, who is little more than a journeyman, by just one round, it was plain Benn is going to have trouble handling bigger men.

Being a small middleweight, he would be more effective in the lighter division. But after Chris Eubank moved up to super-middle, Benn, who had a chance of a world middleweight title bout with Gerald McClellan, of Detroit, decided to follow Eubank instead.

Big money was in a return with Eubank. Life would be pleasanter too, for since Benn walks around at 12st 5lb, he would have to lose only five pounds to make super-middle instead of 13 to come down to middle.

However, despite his unimpressive performance against Morgan, Benn still believes he can beat Eubank at the heavier weight. "I don't think anybody that moves up from middle to super-middle is stronger than me," he said after his bout. "This time I'll prepare for him. I didn't train for him last time, he trained for me."

Benn hopes to meet Eubank in June, but before that he faces an ageing but rugged Argentinian in Dario Matteoni on December 4 at the G-Mex Centre, Manchester. Another contest is planned for February.

While Eubank looked stronger and more positive at super-middleweight against Michael Watson, Benn not only seemed negative against Morgan, but for much of the bout appeared to have slowed down as well.

Even though Benn was leading for the first five rounds rounds, after taking two straight rights from Morgan in the sixth, he spent much of the next three rounds weaving and rolling on the ropes. Benn put in a spurt at the end of the last round, but that was nothing more than show.

Benn blamed his showing on a cold. His new trainer, Graham Moughton, thought he performed well enough. But Benn will have to be consistently aggressive against Matteoni, who is a hard man. He served a one-year ban for hitting a referee and no doubt is not above giving Benn a clout or two.

Benn's so-called softer image could well have affected his performance. It is difficult for a fighter used to being fired up to act like a Droopy Dog, and twist like a Tasmanian Devil. The words Mum on the front of his waistband and Dad at the back, because it was his parents' 34th wedding anniversary, might have brought "ahs" from mums and dads who watched him on television, but did little else for him. One of these days he will have to go back to being the Dark Destroyer again.

RESULTS: Welterweight (6 mds). Ojay Abrahams (Watford) bt Mike Reid (Coventry), rsc 5th rnd. Light-welter (8 mds): Bernard Paul (Tottenham) bt Gordon Webster (Norwich), rsc 4th rnd. Super-middle (10 mds): Nigel Benn (Ilford) bt Lenzie Morgan (US), pts. Heavy (6 mds): Gary Charlton (Leeds) bt Graham Arnold (Norwich), rsc 1st rnd.

RICHARD PELHAM

By the right: Lenzie Morgan, left, and Nigel Benn throw simultaneous punches in their contest at Brentwood

HOCKEY

Hounslow take command

Hounslow 2
Southgate 1

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

HOUNSLOW'S important victory over Southgate in the Pizza Express National League at Feltham yesterday should have been more emphatic than the scoreline suggests.

It was a fast and fluent game but the fact that Hounslow gained 11 short corners indicated which way it was flowing. As it was, Southgate scored from their first short corner rather late in the day and had a chance to score from another towards the end. It would have been a travesty of justice if they had squared the match.

It was a credit to Hounslow to have dominated the match to the extent they did, particularly in the first half, with two of their resourceful forwards, Robert and Andrew Thompson, on the injured list.

Southgate took a long time to settle down and were denied a shot at goal until the closing minutes of the first half when both Clark and Welch made unsuccessful attempts to score. Boxell and Waugh worked hard in defence.

Hounslow's failures at short corners began as early as the third minute with Hacker scooping the ball over the top. After five of these awards had been squandered, Hacker, moving swiftly to the left of the circle, dispatched a reverse-stick pass to Rees, who scored in the 24th minute.

With Southgate making little headway, Mackney combined well with Potter to set up a chance for Rees to score Hounslow's second goal in the 48th minute.

There followed a renewal of endeavour by Southgate, who forced their first short corner in the 53rd minute and Sean Kerry converted with a strong hit along the ground.

Southgate's chance to save the day arrived five minutes before the end from a short corner but Kerry was denied a clear shot at goal.

HOUNSLOW: R Purvis; O Mackney, M Williamson, P Bolland, M Grimley, J Potter, D Hacker, A Ferns, N Gordon, J Rees, M Rose. SOUTHGATE: M Shier; Some Singh, W Waugh, I Cunningham, J Duthie, J Shaw, N Clark, P Boxell, R Freeman (sub: G Gisborne), R Welch, S Kerry.
Umpires: P Broughton (Eastern Counties) and H Jameson (Northern Counties).

Teddington denied by Garcia's goal

RUSSELL Garcia saved Havant, the champions, from defeat by Teddington in the Pizza Express national league yesterday with a goal from a short-corner in the sixtieth minute (Sydney Friskin writes).

His second scoring effort forced a 3-3 draw. Williams had scored Havant's first goal, with Billson (2) and McGuire replying for Teddington.

Hounslow, the only side with maximum points, head the first division table but East Grinstead and Stourport kept up the chase with hard-earned 2-1 victories over Old Loughtonians and Bromley respectively.

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Soviets brush aside hardship troubles

Auckland — The Soviet Union beat India 1-0 in the men's final of the Olympic qualifying tournament here yesterday, Sergei Pleshakov scoring the decisive goal in the 24th minute.

The Soviets played the whole tournament with only one reserve player and a goalkeeper on the bench. Mikhail Osintchev, the coach, was restricted in the number of players he could take to the tournament by his country's National Olympic Committee, and the people of Auckland helped out with free meals for the squad.

New Zealand beat Malaysia 2-1 in the match to decide third place. The Soviet Union, India, New Zealand, Malaysia and Belgium all qualified for the places in the main draw at Barcelona next year.

On Saturday, Germany won a penalty shoot-out 5-2, after a 1-1 draw, to beat New Zealand in the women's championship final.

Both teams had already qualified for Barcelona along with Canada and Britain — the losing semi-finalists — and they were joined by South Korea, who beat Japan 3-0 for fifth place. *(Agencies)*

RESULTS: Men: Seventh place play-off: Italy 3, France 0. Fifth place: Canada 2, Belgium 2 (aet; Belgium won 4-1 on pens). Third place: New Zealand 2, Malaysia 1. Final: India 0, Soviet Union 1. Women: Fifth place: South Korea 3, Japan 0. Final: Germany 1, New Zealand 1 (aet; Germany won 5-2 on pens).

RACING

Seattle Rhyme is testament to Elsworth's skill

By RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Elsworth has tasted victory in the Grand National and Cheltenham Gold Cup, not to mention classic success with a champion filly. Now the man for all seasons has a chance to scale the highest peak of all after winning his first group one race with a colt at Doncaster on Saturday.

"A certain conditions race at Epsom in June," his tongue-in-cheek reference to the Derby, beckons after Seattle Rhyme's smooth victory in the *Racing Post* Trophy. Ladbrokes offer 20-1 about Seattle Rhyme's chance at Epsom, and for once the bookmakers were not being too hasty in promoting the winner to the head of their Epsom ante-post lists. Seattle Rhyme put up arguably the most impressive performance by a juvenile in this country as he swamped his rivals for speed inside the final two furlongs.

The style of the three-and-a-half length success begged another question: how good is Arazi? The French colt beat Seattle Rhyme in the Grand Criterium, having earlier defeated Made Of Gold, the subsequent winner of the Royal Lodge Stakes.

Elsworth believes Seattle Rhyme could have finished closer to Arazi at Longchamp if less use had been made of him. A change in riding tactics at Doncaster saw Cash Asmussen settle Seattle Rhyme in midfield before delivering his winning challenge.

Elsworth said yesterday: "He is a good horse who is going the right way. I am as confident as one can be that he will get a mile-and-a-half and we will also look at the 2,000 Guineas."

The Whitsbury trainer supplemented Seattle Rhyme for the *Racing Post* race at a cost of 18,000 and yesterday he repeated his criticism of the entry rules. "I believe the entries for the race closed on April 1. If I had entered the horse then the owner would have thought it was an April Fool joke. I am not sure the horse even had a name then. It is too early."

With Steve Cauthen given clearance by Sheikh Mohammed to ride In The Groove in the Breeder's Cup Turf at Churchill Downs on Saturday, Elsworth is now turning his attention to Kentucky.

He believes last season's champion filly has a sufficient speed to cope with with the sharp turns. "I would as soon run her at York but the Breeders' Cup is at Churchill Downs. She has a good chance."

Elsworth has ruled out using medication, which is allowed in most states, but Roger Charlton, the trainer of Quest For Fame, confirmed yesterday he might administer Phenylbutazone, commonly known as "Bute", to last year's Derby winner. Bute acts as a pain killer but is banned in Britain.

"If the ground out there is very firm and the vet I use says it would be better to give the horse Bute I shall do so. We have got to do the best we can in the United States and I don't think one should be sentimental about it. I totally support the Jockey Club's line over here but when in Churchill Downs one should do as the Americans do."

Luca Cumani, the trainer of Second Set, was open minded yesterday. "The horse has always been extremely sound and free moving and probably would not need it. I will have to see how he adapts over there and when he trains how he gets on, so I will make a decision when I get there."

However, Cruachan, runner-up in the Champion Stakes, will miss the Breeders' Cup Turf. Guy Harwood said the race comes too soon after Newmarket.

Milestone for Bolger

JIM Bolger, who set a record in Ireland last year by winning 149 races, achieved another personal first on Saturday when a treble at Leopardstown took his stable earnings past Ir£1 million for the season (Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes).

However, Richard Hannon thwarted Bolger's attempt to win the last group race of the season, the EBF Leopardstown Stakes, by taking the prize with Swing Low. Although opposed out to 2-1 joint favouritism with Irish Memory, Swing Low took the lead from Irish Memory a furlong from home and ran on strongly to win by two lengths.

Vincent O'Brien saddled his easiest winner of the year when Classic Venture scored by ten lengths, and at the Leopardstown Bank holiday meeting this afternoon he expects Favoured Nations to win the Leopardstown Golf Centre Trigo Stakes.

At Galway, Richard Dunwoody has fancied rides on Muzahim and New Mill House.

Parental school preference duty

Regina v Cleveland County Council and Another, Ex parte Commission for Racial Equality

Before Mr Justice Macpherson

[Judgment October 18]

Where a parent requested the local education authority to transfer her child to another preferred school, the local education authority had a duty to comply with that request under section 6 of the Education Act 1980 unless compliance with that preference was qualified by specific exceptions in section 6(3) of the 1980 Act, for section 6 imposed a singular mandatory duty upon the authority in respect of a parent's preference.

The simple duty to comply with the expressed parental preference would not be workable or sensibly effective if the authority, in applying its objective admissions criteria under section 6, was susceptible of being tainted by the parent's subjective motives for the move.

Section 18 of the Race Relations Act 1976, which prohibited racial discrimination, did not qualify the duty of the authority to comply with the parental request for the transfer of the child, for the parent's reasons for making such a request were irrelevant.

Mr Justice Macpherson so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing a judicial review application by the Commission for Racial Equality for a declarationm that Cleveland County Council had committed an act of discrimination contrary to the 1976 Act by transferring a child at her parent's request from one maintained school to another, and for order requiring the Secretary of State for Education and Science to determine according to law whether there were grounds upon which he could and should exercise his statutory default powers under the Education Acts 1944-1980.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Robin Allen for the CRE; Mr James Goudie, QC and Mr Lionel Persey for Cleveland; Mr John Laws for the secretary of state; Mr William Hunter for the parent.

MR JUSTICE MACPHERSON said that the first issue was whether section 18 of the 1976 Act qualified the section 6 duty in the 1980 Act.

Section 6 of 1980 Act imposed a singular mandatory duty upon the authority in respect of a parent's preference.

The duty to comply with that preference was qualified by specific exceptions which admittedly did not apply in the present case.

By section 18 of the 1976 Act the authority should not "in carrying out such functions under the Education Acts 1944 to 1981 . . . do any act which constitutes racial discrimination".

His Lordship did not believe that the simple duty to comply with expressed parental preference would be workable or sensibly effective if the authority, in applying its objective admissions criteria under section 6 of the 1980 Act, was susceptible of being tainted by the parent's subjective motives for the move.

Otherwise the burden imposed upon the authority would be intolerable, because not only would they have to exercise value judgments as to the motivation behind a parent's request, but they would be caught between the section 6 of the 1980 Act duty and the section 18 of the 1976 Act illegality.

Furthermore a parent voicing honestly some mildly objectionable reason would be worse off than a grossly racialist parent who voiced no reason at all.

It was not proved to his Lordship's satisfaction that the duty to comply with the parental preference was truly a "function" of the authority to which section 18 was directed. Even if that interpretation of section 18 of the 1976 Act was too favourable, his Lordship could not accept that the authority, which, as in this case, might be most reluctant to act, had to or might refuse to do so if a parent voiced racial reasons.

His Lordship believed that Parliament intended that even discreditable motives of a parent could be ignored when section 6 of the 1980 Act was in operation.

The second issue was whether the transfer was an act of segregation. His Lordship, referring to section 1 of the 1976 Act, said that he was not persuaded that the moving of the child amounted to segregation.

In the instant case, the numerical racial mix was different, but there was no isolation of any race. His Lordship was encouraged in that belief in the meaning of the word "segregation" in that context when looking at the mischief at which the Act was aimed.

The third issue was, if there was segregation, whether it was done on racial grounds. The alleged discriminator in the present case was the authority. It was perfectly true that in that context the term was objective.

But the court was concerned with the reason for which an act was carried out when determining whether the act was discriminatory within the meaning of the 1976 Act. For the CRE to succeed, the activating cause of what happened had to be that the authority had itself on racial grounds treated a person less favourably than others.

Race formed no part of the reason for the decision of the authority to move the child. That decision amounted to a response by the authority to the parent's expressed preference.

Any racial ground expressed by the parent was detached from and incidental to both the decision making process and the decision of the authority. *R v Birmingham City Council, Ex parte Equal Opportunities Commission* ([1989] 1 AC 1155), was not directly applicable.

The fourth issue was whether section 41 overrode the operation of section 18, provided the act under discussion was done in pursuance of any enactment. Section 6 of the 1980 Act was in mandatory terms, and compliance with the duty accordingly did amount to an act done in pursuance of statute; see *Hampson v Department of Education and Science* ([1991] 1 AC 171).

If such an act was caught by section 18 of the 1976 Act, his Lordship did not see why it was to be excluded from the protection of section 41 of the 1976 Act which was of general application, so that what might otherwise have been unlawful would, in his Lordship's judgment, be protected in the present case by section 41 of the 1976 Act. The commission's case failed.

Solicitors: Hodge Jones & Allen, St Pancras; Lee Bolton & Lee for Mr Alan J. Hodgkinson, Middlesbrough; Treasury Solicitor; Peach Grey & Co, Southampton.

Dependants' costs in enquiries

Regina v Darling, Ex parte Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd
Regina v Same, Ex parte Bibby Tankers Ltd
Regina v Same, Ex parte Lloyd's Register of Shipping
Regina v Same, Ex parte Marsh and Others

Before Mr Justice Popplewell

[Judgment October 18]

Although the general practice at disaster enquiries was for dependants to have their costs out of public funds, that was not the practice at wreck enquiries.

Mr Justice Popplewell so held in the Queen's Bench Division in a reserved judgment in judicial review proceedings of the decision on October 23, 1989 of Mr Gerald Darling, QC, wreck commissioner, concerning the loss of The Derbyshire, brought by Evelyn Marsh, the widow and administratrix of the estate of Norman Marsh, together with 40 other dependants.

Mr Darling had ordered the Secretary of State for Transport to pay to any of the parties to the investigation such costs, if any, as they might have incurred other than legal representation at the hearing of the investigation which would otherwise necessarily have been incurred by the secretary of state. Save as aforesaid, each of the parties to bear their own costs including the costs of representation.

Applications for judicial review of Mr Darling's order for costs were also made by Swan Hunter Shipbuilders Ltd, Bibby Tankers Ltd and Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

Mr Richard Stone, QC and Mr Michael Swainston for Swan Hunter; Mr Michael N. Howard, QC and Mr Robin Hay for Bibby Tankers; Mr Adrian Hamilton, QC for Lloyd's Register; Miss Belinda Bucknall, QC for the dependants; Mr David Steel, QC and Mr Timothy Brenton for the secretary of state; Mr Darling did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE POPPLEWELL said that Miss Bucknall submitted that in the instant case, but for the pressure brought by the dependants there would never have been a public enquiry. She further contended that the practice of costs falling where they lay had not been established or if it had, it was wrong and was certainly not applicable to dependants.

His Lordship found the general practice in the absence of hardship was for the dependants to pay their own costs and be found no distinction between the phraseology in the Merchant Shipping Act 1894 of "such awards as he thinks fit" and the present wording in section 56(5) of the Merchant Shipping Act 1970 as amended by section 48 of and Schedule 5 to the Merchant Shipping Act 1988 of "just".

His Lordship did not doubt that the general practice at disaster enquiries was that dependants were awarded their costs out of public funds because it was important that the relatives and dependants were properly represented.

Mr Steel submitted that there was no settled practice that dependants at wreck enquiries should have their costs in the absence of hardship.

It was difficult to see why dependants should be in a special category. Of course they had a close interest in how their relatives' deaths occurred.

No one at a wreck enquiry hitherto had suggested that they should be treated differently or that in the absence of financial hardship they should be entitled to their costs. There was no doubt a very strong case for saying that in any case invloving a public disaster the costs of the dependants should be paid out of public funds.

While his Lordship could see the force of the argument that it was illogical that hardship should be a criterion for an award of costs, he could see nothing irrational in the view taken by Mr Darling in following the general practice in the instant case.

Miss Bucknall said that if one was looking at what was "just" it could only be just that dependants of victims of the accident under investigation who were proper parties to a public enquiry should have their costs paid out of public funds.

All the arguments were clearly and carefully considered by Mr Darling. He had come to a conclusion properly considering material matters and which was based on reasoning which did not come within miles of being described as irrational.

However, in relation to a secondary application that Mr Darling's decision was unworkable, the matter would be remitted for him to give directions to enable his order to be carried into effect.

Solicitors: Ingledew Botterell, Newcastle upon Tyne; Holman Fenwick & Willan; Elborne Mitchell; Ingledew Brown Bennison & Garrett; Treasury Solicitor.

Statutory powers decision not unreasonable

Regina v Secretary of State for Health and Others, Ex parte Prison Officers Association

Before Mr Justice Kennedy

[Judgment October 15]

The Secretary of State for Health had not acted unreasonably in deciding that the departmental enquiry into allegations of ill-treatment of patients at Ashworth Special Hospital be granted statutory powers pursuant to section 125 of the Mental Health Act 1983 following the withdrawal of cooperation by the Prison Officers' Association (POA).

Mr Justice Kennedy so held in the Queen's Bench Division in dismissing an application by the POA for judicial review of that decision and of the decision of Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, Mr Martin Brown, Mr Robert Dolan and Ms Elaine Murphy to continue as the committee of the enquiry.

Mr John Hand, QC and Mr Barry Cotter for the POA; Mr John Laws and Stephen Richards for the secretary of state; Mr David Pannick for the committee.

MR JUSTICE KENNEDY said that the POA complained that in 1988 Mr Blom-Cooper had expressed his disapproval of the POA representing staff at special hospitals and was therefore likely to be biased against them, and also about the way the enquiry had been conducted. Those complaints were cumulative and lead to the POA having doubts about whether there would be a fair hearing.

His Lordship was not concerned with whether it had been wise for the secretary of state in April 1991 to nominate as chairman of the enquiry a person who had apparently expressed views critical of the POA in October 1988. The fact was he did so and at the time the POA had made no complaint.

The enquiry was, like others of its type, just an enquiry. It was by nature inquisitorial not adversarial and the procedure to be followed was a matter for the committee, subject to the overriding duty to act fairly.

The complaints about procedure added nothing to the allegation of bias and that complaint should have been made before the departmental enquiry began.

By the time the secretary of state came to grant statutory powers there was an obvious advantage in continuing with the same chairman and committee.

Once the applicants had withdrawn from the enquiry statutory powers became necessary if the committee was to do its work and the problems of procedure and admissibility of evidence arising from the grant of those powers had to be balanced against the advantages.

The secretary of state had not acted unreasonably and nor was it unreasonable for the members of the committee to carry on.

The POA's complaints had not been glossed over. There were many problems yet to be resolved. It would not be easy for the committee to restore confidence and arrive at a fair result.

Solicitors: Lees Lloyd Whitley, Liverpool; Solicitor DHS; Treasury Solicitor.

Deportation rules must be observed

Regina v Omojudi

The provisions of section 6 of the Immigration Act 1971 with respect to recommendations for deportation were clear and strict and it was important that they were complied with.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Glidewell, Mr Justice Hodgson and Mr Justice Buckley) so stated on October 4 in allowing an appeal by Stephen Olaurewaju Omojudi against a recommendation for deportation made by Judge Rucker at Inner London Crown Court in March 1989.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that a seven-day notice had not been served on the appellant prior to his appearance in court as was required by section 6 of the 1971 Act. It was quite clear that the statutory provisions were not complied with and the court had no alternative but to allow the appeal.

The court wished to draw attention to the clear and strict provisions of the Act and the guidance given in *R v Nazari* ((1980) 71 Cr App R 87). The prime purpose of the legislation was to let the party concerned demonstrate that he was a British subject but, as was pointed out in *Nazari*, it also gave the defendant the opportunity to get his tackle in order before the recommendation was made.

It was of particular importance that the statutory provisions should be adhered to and the court was disturbed to hear that that was not being done in some courts.

Limiting appeal certificates

Regina v Williams (Paul David)

Trial judges should not issue certificates enabling defendants to appeal to the Court of Appeal unless very exceptional circumstances were present.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Rougier and Mr Justice May) so stated on October 15, when dismissing the appeal of Paul David Williams against his conviction on May 16, 1991 at Bristol Crown Court (Judge da Cunha and a jury) of affray, on which he was sentenced to 18 months detention in a young offenders' institution. He was acquitted of possessing a firearm with intent to endanger life and possession of a firearm without a certificate.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the trial judge had certified the case as fit for appeal but there were no exceptional circumstances present. The only ground of appeal was the alleged illogicality of the guilty verdict on affray and the acquittals on the other charges.

The verdicts, however, indicated that the jury was more than alert to its responsibilities and wholly able to understand what the judge had clearly directed them upon: that they had to be sure that there had been established every ingredient of the two offences upon which they acquitted and the one offence on which they convicted.

It was clear that there was no illogicality.

Prejudice by solicitor's default

Coombes (t/a F. J. Kittle & Son) v Tucker and Another

The prejudice caused by a county court judge's refusal to grant an adjournment to a defendant, who had not been informed in time by his solicitor of the date of his building dispute case and who was thus not prepared at the hearing to contest the action, was not such as to entitle him to have the judgment against him set aside and an order for a new trial made.

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Neill and Mr Justice Cazalet) so held on October 21 when dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mr and Mrs David Tucker, from the refusal by Judge Sir Jonathan Clarke at Exeter County Court in July 1990 to grant an adjournment of the action brought against them by the plaintiff, Mr Geoffrey Coombes.

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that the defendants' solicitor was informed of the hearing date four months ahead but had not told the defendants of it nor made any preparations for the trial. No expert witness had been instructed.

The judge refused the application for an adjournment, heard the plaintiff's evidence and gave judgment against the defendants for £7,915.

Looking at the justice of the matter from both sides it could not be said that the judge's refusal of an adjournment was clearly wrong. The plaintiff was a small builder who had been kept out of his money for nearly two years. The defendants, although having no opportunity of defending the action, were left with a possible remedy against their legal advisers.

Jape ready to fulfil abundant promise of Newbury debut

PAUL Cole can further enhance his position as champion trainer-elect by saddling Jape to win the H Backhouse Maiden Stakes at Bath this afternoon.

At Newbury, on his only outing, the Alleged colt showed immense promise when a length second to the much-vaunted Artic Tracker. Since that promising performance in July, Arctic Tracker has upheld the form by finishing third to Chicmond in the group three Solario Stakes at Sandown. Seattle Rhyme, the runner-up in that Sandown race, boosted the form with an impressive victory in the *Racing Post* Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday.

Today, the principal threat appears to be the highly-regarded newcomer King's Treasure. The Ian Balding-trained colt, who is related to such notable performers as Diamond Shoal and Glint Of Gold, has been the subject of glowing reports from the Kingsclere gallops.

Aitch N'Bee, a short head second to Miss Sharpo here on his penultimate outing, can return to form in the Upton Cheyney Handicap. At Leicester last time out he was never on good terms with himself and consequently was not given a hard time when

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eighth behind Shake Town.

Diaco, another who failed to show his true form last time, presents the danger today. Two outings ago he showed his worth when beating King Of Chance in a competitive 21-runner handicap at Pontefract.

Matt McCourt's decision to run Cee-En-Cee in the End Of Season Claiming Stakes in preference to the Westonbirt Handicap can be justified. Despite his advancing years, the seven-year-old retains his form remarkably well and reserves his best for Bath. The gelding has gained three of his seven victories on the Somerset course.

Cole: can move nearer the trainers' championship

At Lingfield, Wabash Valley is napped to redeem himself in the second division of the EBF Willow Maiden Stakes. At Newmarket last time out the Riverman colt failed to run his race when finishing last of five to Shuailaan.

His defeat can be attributed to him swallowing his tongue. Prior to that he performed like a useful horse in the making at Salisbury when second to Autocracy, the runner-up to Fair Crack in the Goffs Million at the Curragh.

Richard Hannon can continue his best season numerically with Yatoo in the the Burr Nursery at the expense of Don't Leave Me. At York, the colt was not unduly punished when fourth to Sharpitor.

Victory for Yatoo would also underline the chances of the Hannon-trained Reality in the John O'Gaunt Nursey at Leicester. The filly, who has taken time to find her form, was three lengths in front of Yatoo in a York nursery.

Henry Cecil, the leading trainer at the midlands course, can continue his recent run of success by completing a double with Fly To The Moon (2.50) and Rayado (3.50).

BATH

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.30 Cee-En-Cee.	1.30 Doublova.	3.30 Shentit.
2.00 Aitch N'Bee.	2.00 Diaco.	
2.30 Sultry Singer.	2.30 The New Girl.	
3.00 Jape.	3.00 Jape.	
3.30 Ryewater Dream.	3.30 SHENTIT (nap).	
4.00 Saint Systems.	4.00 Stocktina.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Truthful Image.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F 11YD-1M 5YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.30 END OF SEASON CLAIMING STAKES (£2,772: 5f 11yd) (14 runners)

1 (8) 181013 EAGER DEVA 27 (D,BF,F,G) (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 4-9-3 R Cochrane 97
2 (9) 108303 LOVE RETURNED 28 (D,BF,F,G,S) (J Ratcliffe) W Jarvis 4-9-2 M Tebbutt 88
3 (4) 0-00000 WHEELS OF WEETMAN 10 (E Weetman) Ltd) B Mathison 4-9-2 T Williams 50
4 (6) 121113 DOUBLOVA 4 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 3-8-1 J Carroll ● 99
5 (12) 132046 MAID WELCOME 19 (B,D,F) (S Roots) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-11 C Rutter 79
6 (1) 083000 VILLAGE PET 27 (CD,F) (W Cresswell) R Bennett 3-8-11 J Currant 64
7 (10) 500030 AUROREUM 18 (BF) (J Khan) L Holt 4-8-10 J Reid 88
8 (7) 460510 CEE-EN-CEE 34 (V,CD,F,G) (A Martin) M McCourt 7-8-10 A Munro 74
9 (14) 0-00600 NIKKI DOW 20 (B,D,F,S) (B Lewis-Farwell) P Howling 5-8-9 B Crossley 52
10 (5) 30400 MYSTIC PANTHER 11J (S) (H Gwyn) R Holder 3-8-8 A Dicks 56
11 (2) 482000 SPORTS POST LADY 8 (D,F,G) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-6 N Adams 84
12 (11) 260050 CROSS MAGS 93 (D,F) (H Strickland) D Burchell 4-8-5 J Williams 66
13 (3) 04 MIRAMEDE 27 (Mrs M Reirsein) R Hodges 3-8-5 S Drowne (7) —
14 (13) 00- LET'S GO LOCHY 482 (A Newcombe) C Hill 5-8-4 A Tucker (5) —

BETTING: 5-4 Doublova, 2-1 Eager Deva, 9-2 Love Returned, 10-1 Maid Welcome, 14-1 Cee-En-Cee, Sports Post Lady, 16-1 others.

1990: SHOUT FORE 3-8-11 G Hind (9-2) N Callaghan 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

EAGER DEVA 3rd beaten 4l by Spaniards Close (rec 13lb) at Wolverhampton (5f, good). LOVE RETURNED 3rd beaten 2l by Icicsher (rec 2lb) at Hamilton (6f). DOUBLOVA 3rd beaten 2½l by Metal Boys (rec 4lb) at Pontefract (5f, firm). MAID WELCOME on penultimate outing 4th of 6 beaten 3¾l by Easy Line (gave 9lb) at Sandown (5f, good to firm). CEE-EN-CEE 12th of 17 as Skipper To Edge (gave 13lb) at Kempton (7f, good to soft); earlier best Precentor (levels) 4l here (5f 161yd, firm). MIRAMEDE 4th beaten 6½l by Chelsworth (gave 2lb) at Brighton (5f 59yd, good). Selection: CEE-EN-CEE

2.00 UPTON CHEYNEY HANDICAP (£3,548: 1m 5yd) (18 runners)

1 (7) 0-61620 AITCH N'BEE 14 (D,G,S) (Duchess of Norfolk) Lady Herries 5-9-13 G Foster 96
2 (14) 500051 GRAND GUIGNOL 9 (G) (H Morriss) G Wragg 3-9-6 R Cochrane 90
3 (13) 015510 DIACO 9 (D,F,G) (J Good) M Jarvis 6-9-6 A Munro 94
4 (12) 24-6540 ELDERTON ROAD 14 (Mrs B Waring) Mrs B Waring 4-9-1 N Howe 88
5 (6) 583100 SUPER MORNING 18 (F,S) (J Maxwell) G Balding 5-9-1 J Williams 95
6 (4) 203335 SHOT STOPPER 32J (P Shilton) M Pipe 3-9-0 T Williams 90
7 (10) 224005 PAPER DART 7 (Mrs J Wallinger) P Walwyn 3-8-10 J Reid 96
8 (3) 60000-0 PUSEY STREET BOY 13 (F) (M Wilkins) J Bosley 4-8-6 R Fox ● 92
9 (17) 213400 TENDRESSE 13 (D,F) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-3 A Tucker (5) 88
10 (2) 140054 LES AMIS 6 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs W Sole) M Ryan 4-8-1 G Duffield 91
11 (1) 000540 MOVING FORCE 7 (C,F,G) (H Frost) L Holt 4-7-13 A Mackay 91
12 (9) 055433 CASENNE 32J (Restoration (South West) Ltd) R Holder 3-7-9 N Adams 95
13 (8) 05025 ROCQUAINE BAY 27 (D Woollard) M Bolton 4-7-7 — 95
14 (16) 033068 NICQUITA 36 (F) (White Horse Racing Ltd) C C Elsey 4-7-7 F Norton (9) 89
15 (5) 080560 HONEY MILL 5 (H) (E Badger) O O'Neill 5-7-7 — 88
16 (15) 001000 GISBOT 23 (B,D,F,S) (B Lewis-Farwell) P Howling 6-7-7 S Dawson 85
17 (18) 0050-50 VILCOE BAY 129 (E Griffin) B McMahon 4-7-7 N Carlisle 73
18 (11) 182040- SS-AQ 443J (D,F) (A Skidmore) C Popham 5-6-8 R Street 80

Long handicap: Nicquita 7-5, Honey Mill 7-5, Gisbot 7-4, Vilcoe Bay 7-3.

BETTING: 5-1 Les Amis, 6-1 Aitch N'Bee, 7-1 Grand Guignol, 8-1 Diaco, Shot Stopper, 10-1 Casenne, Nicquita, Paper Dart, 12-1 Rocquaine Bay, Tendresse, 16-1 others.

1990: MALIBASTA 4-9-10 J Williams (7-2 fav) D Elsworth 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

AITCH N'BEE 8th of 20 to Shake Town (rec 15lb) at Leicester (7f, good to firm); earlier 2nd beaten sh hd by Miss Sharpo (rec 10lb) here (1m, good). GRAND GUIGNOL beat Sidney Smith (rec 11lb) 4l at Catterick (7f, good). DIACO 14th of 22 to Croft Valley (gave 3lb) at Newmarket (1m, good to firm); earlier beat King Of Chance (rec 11lb) hd at Pontefract (1m, good to firm). PAPER DART 5th beaten 5½l by Old Comrades (rec 13lb) at Folkestone (7f, firm). LES AMIS 4th beaten over 3l by Cartel (gave 9lb) at Nottingham (1m 54yd, good to firm). CASENNE 3rd beaten 3l by Lady Bunting (rec 1lb) here (1m, firm). NICQUITA 3rd beaten 4½l by Vuchterbacher (gave 2lb) at Southwell (7f). Selection: DIACO

2.30 BITTON NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,236: 5f 161yd) (19 runners)

1 (13) 1511 GRAND TIME 144 (F,S) (Moss Side Racing Group) J Berry 9-7 J Carroll 90
2 (8) 4246 TEMPLE FORTUNE 28 (B) (L Ward) D Elsworth 9-5 A Munro 90
3 (7) 012138 LUVLY JUBLY 10 (F,S) (Twenty Four Carat Racing) J Berry 9-3 Ron Hills (5) 94
4 (14) 446600 DUTY SERGEANT 2 (C,F) (W Mann) M Muggeridge 9-1 A Tucker (5) 98
5 (4) 32000 NIGALS FRIEND 18 (Mrs E Hayde Jones) D Haydn Jones 9-0 J Williams 92
6 (10) 05220 THE NEW GIRL 10 (T Marshall) C C Elsey 8-13 J Reid 92
7 (9) 012310 MISS SHADOWFAX 56 (F,G) (Mrs J Jones) C Allen 8-13 Mick Denaro (7) 88
8 (15) 314206 SULTRY SINGER 13 (C,F,S) (S R B Pic) G Balding 8-11 C Munday (7) 83
9 (5) 002034 LAWNSWOOD PRINCE 21 (A Hill) R Hollinshead 8-10 N Carlisle 96
10 (19) 430400 TRUTHFUL IMAGE 12 (B) (Mrs M Baxter) M Ryan 8-6 G Duffield 88
11 (11) 65400 TADORA 10 (Mrs R Lamb) C Benstead 8-6 R Cochrane 87
12 (2) 040 ABIGAILS BOY 10 (D Johnson) J Scargill 8-2 B Crossley 82
13 (6) 10 QUEEN'S TICKLE 20 (D,BF,F) (Miss S Jarvis) A Jarvis 8-2 N Adams 89
14 (12) 050 FRANKUS 13 (S Mellor) S Mellor 8-1 S Dawson 81
15 (1) 050 ALWAYS A PRINCESS 110 (G Steinberg) L Holt 7-13 A Mackay 80
16 (17) 54060 NIGHT ASSET 49 (B) (R Bays) G Lewis 7-13 F Norton (5) 87
17 (18) 205000 GREAT HALL 23 (Mrs J Joyce) W Wightman 7-12 T Williams ● 99
18 (3) 0003 HIGH POST 98 (V Squaglia) D Marks 7-7 Antoinette Armes (7) 85
19 (16) 525040 ORCHARD BAY 40 (F) (Apollo Racing) D R Tucker 7-7 — 97

Long handicap: Orchard Bay 7-6.

BETTING: 5-1 Truthful Image, 6-1 Luvly Jubly, 7-1 Sultry Singer, 8-1 Abigails Boy, Queen's Tickle, 10-1 Duty Sergeant, 12-1 Grand Time, Temple Fortune, The New Girl, 14-1 High Post, 20-1 others.

1990: MAGGIE SIDDONS 8-11 G Duffield (9-4 fav) C Hill 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

GRAND TIME 2nd beaten 3½l by Some Of Priority (gave 2lb) at Beverley (5f, good to firm). TEMPLE FORTUNE 6th beaten 6½l by La Dame Bonita (levels) here (5f 11yd, good). LUVLY JUBLY 6th beaten 5¾l by Palacegate Racing (levels) at Catterick (5f 212yd, good). THE NEW GIRL 7th beaten under 7l by Petite-D-Argent (rec 5lb) at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). MISS SHADOWFAX on penultimate outing beat Rose Of Eire (gave 1lb) sh hd at Wolverhampton (6f, good). SULTRY SINGER finished well when 6th beaten 8¾l by Titch Wizard (gave 2lb) at Leicester (5f 218yd, good to firm). LAWNSWOOD PRINCE 4th of 5 beaten 11l by Tamim (gave 10lb) at Pontefract (5f, good to firm). TRUTHFUL IMAGE 2nd beaten 1½l by Soba Guest (gave 17lb) at Wolverhampton (5f, good). QUEEN'S TICKLE 16th of 19 to Nur (gave 8lb) at Folkestone (5f, good); earlier beat Miss Parkes (gave 3lb) a nk at Redcar (5f, good to firm). Selection: TEMPLE FORTUNE

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	16	53	30.2	G Duffield	11	50	22.0
J Berry	9	40	22.5	A Munro	6	34	17.6
G Lewis	9	45	20.0	J Reid	21	121	17.4
D Elsworth	11	58	19.0	R Cochrane	8	48	16.3
J Hills	4	22	18.2	B Crossley	3	27	11.1
H Candy	7	39	17.9	(Only qualifiers)			

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MANDARIN	THUNDERER
1.50 Cloud Of Dust.	1.50 Cloud Of Dust.
2.20 Goodbye Maggie.	2.20 Strip Cartoon.
2.50 Fly To The Moon.	2.50 Fly To The Moon.
3.20 The Feltmaker.	3.20 Rare Detail.
3.50 Rayado.	3.50 Hunting Ground.
4.20 Rocality.	4.20 Rockbourne.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 NELTEGRITY.

GOING: FIRM DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE SIS

1.50 EBF FLECKNEY MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O fillies: £2,616: 5f 218yd) (8 runners)

1 (4) 2 CLOUD OF DUST 17 (Miss P Kirott) J Dunlop 8-11 T Quinn ● 99
2 (8) 0 GALLERY NOTE 84 (B) Hills 8-11 W Ryan —
3 (3) JUST A MIRAGE (H Al-Maktoum) A Scott 8-11 W Carson —
4 (6) 0 MISS DEBONAIR 14 (Mrs C Spence) D Morley 8-11 S Whitworth 71
5 (1) MUHIT (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 L Dettori —
6 (5) 6 PETAURISTA 9 (Mrs V Rowland) M Johnston 8-11 R P Elliott 68
7 (7) SIBERIAN SWING (S Howe) J Roberts 8-11 K Rutter (5) —
8 (2) WESTERN APPROACH (K Abdulla) J Gosden 8-11 M Hills —

BETTING: 4-5 Cloud Of Dust, 9-2 Muhit, 8-1 Just A Mirage, 10-1 Western Approach, 12-1 others.

1990: MERRY ROUS 8-11 C Nutter (10-1) M Prescott 12 ran

2.20 SEAGRAVE APPRENTICES SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,447: 5f 218yd) (17 runners)

1 (12) 454201 PROUD BRIGADIER 27 (D,G) (M Lawrence) W Carter 9-7 N Guillemas 93
2 (14) [illegible] JESS REBEC 9 (B) (E Stokes) R Dickin 9-4 D Harradine (5) 98
3 (9) 600001 NO COMEBACKS 7 (F) (D Wilson) R Williams 9-3 (7ex) G Mitchell (5) 94
4 (17) 062-000 PENANDO 27 (B) (T Prew) E Wheeler 9-0 B Thomas (5) 92
5 (2) 0-23060 JULIE'S STAR 86 (Mrs N Cowan) C James 8-13 K Rutter 82
6 (1) 200505 MEESON TIMES 12 (D,F) (C Castle) B Ellison 8-11 S Davies (5) 87
7 (8) 000055 GALAXY EXPRESS 21 (M Eden) G Eden 8-9 P Turner (5) 96
8 (11) 004003 DOMIANA 7 (C Buttery) M Blanshard 8-8 C Avery (5) 94
9 (15) 0000 BRIPHILL 27 (B) (J White) J White 8-7 R Mitchell (5) 95
10 (7) 60-400 MISS BELL RINGER 21 (C Hill) C Hill 8-4 J Weaver (5) 83
11 (4) 043600 GOODBYE MAGGIE 21 (B) (M Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-6 D Harrison 92
12 (5) 064442 HARLEQUIN GIRL 4 (M Wetzling) K Ivory 8-5 N Kennedy 94
13 (16) 005-000 JOE SLOW 63 (V) (Exors of the late C Cousins) P Burgoyne 8-4 G Forster (5) 90
14 (2) 054545 STRIP CARTOON 4 (B) (Mrs I Pryce) S Bowring 8-4 Kim Beeching (5) ● 99
15 (13) 63-3000 ROCKY HABITAT 12 (W Finnigan) J Jenkins 8-4 A Garth (5) —
16 (3) 050000 DREAMS EYES 4 (V) (Walherby Racing Bureau Plc) R Bastiman 8-1 H Bastiman (5) 92
17 (10) 0-0000 HARRY'S JOY 12 (A Newcombe) C Hill 8-0 B Doyle —

BETTING: 9-2 Proud Brigadier, 5-1 No Comebacks, 6-1 Meeson Times, 7-1 Strip Cartoon, 8-1 Galaxy Express, 10-1 Domiana, Julie's Star, 12-1 Harlequin Girl, 14-1 others.

1990: GREY TUDOR 8-1 Michael Danaro (14-1) C Allen 21 ran

2.50 WYSALL STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,846: 1m 1f 218yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 130022 NUCLEUS 7 (V,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-10 W Carson ● 99
2 (2) 310 FLAMING ARROW 87 (D,F) (S Maktoum Al Maktoum) H Cecil 8-9 S Davies (7) 90
3 (1) 0210 CRADLE OF LOVE 10 (F) (C Wright) J Hills 8-6 M Hills 87
4 (4) 22-13 FLY TO THE MOON 166 (F) (S Maktoum Al Maktoum) H Cecil 8-4 W Ryan 94

BETTING: 13-8 Fly To The Moon, 7-4 Nucleus, 7-2 Flaming Arrow, 5-1 Cradle Of Love.

1990: MIND THE STEP 8-6 R Cochrane (11-10 fav) G Harwood 3 ran

3.20 SQUIRREL HANDICAP (£2,679: 1m 3f 183yd) (10 runners)

1 (1) 4231 PHARLY STORY 13 (C,F) (A Lowes) M Pipe 3-9-12 M Hills 85
2 (2) 5-1604 THE FELTMAKER 9 (F) (P Winfield) J Dunlop 3-9-6 W Carson ● 99
3 (8) 12122 TANZ 10 (D,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-3 S Davies (7) 94
4 (9) 121439 RARE DETAIL 13 (CD,G,S) (Y Akarawal) Mrs L Piggott 3-8-2 L Dettori 92
5 (7) 063525 WESTERN DYNASTY 118 (CD,F,G) (M Kerbel) M Ryan 5-8-2 D Biggs (5) 90
6 (10) 01-4400 EASY PURCHASE 20 (D) (I Purchase) R Holder 4-8-7 G Carter 88
7 (5) 558055 CAREFREE TIMES 12 (D,F,G) (Lord Matthews) Miss S Hall 4-8-2 M Cameron 98
8 (4) 114203 POLISTATIC 14 (D,F,G) (T Sumner) C Horgan 4-7-10 Dale Gibson 89
9 (6) 656000 KOVALEVSKIA 7 (CD,F,G,S) (W Jiggins) D Wilson 5-7-7 J Quinn 84
10 (3) 005303 MUSICAL NOTE 23 (F) (Lady Page) M Blanshard 4-7-7 B Doyle (5) 88

Long handicap: Kovalevskia 7-3, Musical Note 6-12.

BETTING: 11-4 The Feltmaker, 4-1 Tanz, 5-1 Pharly Story, 6-1 Rare Detail, 8-1 Carefree Times, Polistatic, 12-1 Easy Purchase, 16-1 Western Dynasty, 20-1 others.

1990: CASAMURRAE 3-9-6 G Carter (10-1) G Wragg 16 ran

3.00 H BACKHOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,392: 1m 5yd) (14 runners)

1 (8) 2600 BETALONGABILL 23 (Mrs T Tyler) M Madgwick 9-0 T Williams 85
2 (5) 24 BIRCH BANKS 12 (BF) (Mrs M Ennever) G Harwood 9-0 R Cochrane 88
3 (6) 05 BLACKPATCH HILL 55 (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 9-0 G Duffield 72
4 (8) 2 JAPE 100 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 A Munro ● 99
5 (1) KING'S TREASURE (P Melton) I Balding 9-0 J Reid —
6 (10) 006000 MASTER OF THE HUNT 14 (R Bennett) R Bennett 9-0 J Reid 57
7 (12) 023 SWORD MASTER 27 (I Vogt) Bob Jones 9-0 Emma Boxer (7) 94
8 (13) 50 TEDDY'S PLAY 56 (C Wright) J Hills 9-0 J Williams 80
9 (11) 4000 TOOLEY'S BOY 21 (J O'Toole) Mrs B Waring 9-0 N Howe 85
10 (7) 00 ALTON BELLE 18 (Mrs P Stroud) J Scargill 8-9 B Crossley —
11 (2) 00 FINE AS FIVEPENCE 12 (Mrs R Bolt) Mrs A Knight 8-9 — 85
12 (4) FLY FOR GOLD (J Gutkin) D Arbuthnot 8-9 B Procter —
13 (3) 5003 PRINCESS OF ORANGE 41 (21st Century Racing) C C Elsey 8-9 F Norton (5) 83
14 (14) 3 ROUSETTE 19 (Lord Wainstock) Lord Huntingdon 8-9 J Carroll 78

BETTING: 5-4 Jape, 9-4 Rousette, 5-1 Birch Banks, 14-1 Pnness Of Orange, King's Treasure, 16-1 others.

1990: EL DOMINO 9-0 G Bardwell (16-1) K Cunningham-Brown 18 ran

FORM FOCUS

BIRCH BANKS 4th beaten 3½l by Redsham (levels) at Redcar (1m,good to firm) BLACKPATCH HILL 5th beaten under 8l by Grand Vitesse (rec 5lb) at Brighton (6f 209yd, firm). JAPE needed the run when 2nd beaten 1l by the useful Artic Tracker (gave 8lb) at Newbury (7f, good to firm) KING'S TREASURE (foaled Feb 21) by King Of Clubs out of Crown Treasure, a winner over 5f as a juvenile in the States is related to the useful Diamond Shoal and Glint Of Gold. SWORD MASTER 3rd beaten under 2l by Aastf (levels) at Newcastle (1m, firm). ROUSETTE 3rd beaten 2l by Isaian (gave 5lb) at York (6f, good to firm) Selection: JAPE (nap)

3.30 WEST KINGTON HANDICAP (£3,517: 2m 1f 34yd) (24 runners)

1 (22) 511120 MERTON MILL 34 (F,G) (Lord Clinton) D Morley 4-9-10 M Tebbutt 91
2 (9) 03-0611 SHENTIT 6 (D,F) (F Stronach) J Dunlop 3-9-10 (5ex) G Duffield 92
3 (1) 600023- APSIMORE 420 (J Tuck) G Balding 4-9-7 J Williams 81
4 (21) 40-2330 WELSH SIREN 38J (C,F) (R Dawes) K Bailey 5-9-3 C Munday (7) 90
5 (14) 0600/ GUNNER STREAM 1006J (S) (V Kelly) R Holder 7-9-1 A Dicks —
6 (19) 4/016-60 MISS POKEY 28 (B,CD,G,S) (D Brown) R Holder 5-9-0 S Drowne (7) 88
7 (2) 0-00015 RYEWATER DREAM 24 (C,F) (Mrs R Farrell) D Elsworth 3-8-13 R Cochrane 89
8 (15) 0-00150 VANISKI 6 (V,F) (H Chisman) Mrs B Waring 4-8-11 N Howe —
9 (16) 440550 CRABBY BILL 41 (B) (Financial Trace & Collections) Miss B Sanders 4-8-11 F Norton (5) 93
10 (18) 005513 DUTYFUL 23 (F) (Mrs M Day) M Haynes 5-8-10 J Reid 92
11 (11) 080-000 BOADICEA'S CHARIOT 9J (G) (D Filer) R Manning 4-8-6 R Fox —
12 (8) 023850 SANDFORD SPRINGS 10 (C,F) (R Thomas Williams) R Holder 4-8-4 A Tucker (5) 96
13 (20) 420400 SUPER RITCHART 6 (R Edwards & S D Williams) B Palling 3-8-4 N Adams 97
14 (17) 0-04406 JAILBREAKER 14 (P Tosh) B Millman 4-8-3 A Munro 87
15 (7) 0-00800 SPITHEAD 13 (L Holliday) H Candy 3-8-2 C Rutter 96
16 (24) 50000/6- MR DORMOUSE 531 (Mrs M Rae Smith) I Balding 5-8-0 E Johnson —
17 (4) 203292 PIPISTRELLE 4 (V,F,G) (Mrs C Miller) J Scargill 4-7-13 N Carlisle 96
18 (13) 40000-0 ZAFRA 20 (B Thorne) C Horgan 3-7-11 S Dawson —
19 (6) 3040/4-6 LADY BLUES SINGER 17 (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 5-7-10 G Milligan (7) —
20 (5) 053334 MAMALAMA 46 (Mrs S Cook) L Holt 3-7-10 A Mackay 97
21 (23) 0/5041-0 PREMIER PRINCESS 41J (S) (D Drury) G Ham 5-7-9 — 53
22 (10) 626340 BRORA ROSE 20 (Mrs S Burley) J Bethell 3-7-9 T Williams ● 99
23 (3) 080144 RADAR KNIGHT 75J (D) (Exors of the late Mr A Alexander) R Bannon 3-7-7 R Price 89
24 (12) 0-00 JOLLY FLIER 28 (A Hawkings) N Kernick 3-7-7 C Hawksley (7) —

Long handicap: Radar Knight 7-8, Jolly Flier 7-5.

BETTING: 2-1 Shentit, 5-1 Dutyful, Pipistrelle, 8-1 Merton Mill, 10-1 Brora Rose, 12-1 Sandford Springs, Vaniski, Welsh Siren, 14-1 Mamalama, 20-1 others.

1990: MISS POKEY 4-9-2 J Williams (9-2) R Holder 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

MERTON MILL 9th of 16 to Sabin Lover (rec 37lb) at Nottingham (1m 6 15yd, good to firm) SHENTIT beat Peanuts Pet (rec 12lb) 1½l with VANISKI (rec 6lb) 10th of 16 at Nottingham (2m 2f 18yd, good to firm). WELSH SIREN on penultimate outing 3rd beaten under 3l by Mysterious Maid (gave 6lb) at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good to soft). RYEWATER DREAM 5th beaten 8l by Literary Star (gave 12lb) at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm). DUTYFUL 3rd beaten 8l by Madagans Grey (rec 7lb) at Goodwood (2m, good to soft) JAILBREAKER 6th beaten over 7l by Mysterious Maid (gave 22lb) at Leicester (1m 3f) PIPISTRELLE 2nd beaten 1½l by Subsonic (gave 27lb) at Pontefract (3m 1f 216yd, firm). MAMALAMA 4th beaten 3½l by Mana Allah (gave 22lb) at Folkestone (1m 7f) Selection: DUTYFUL

4.00 WESTONBIRT HANDICAP (£3,174: 5f 11yd) (21 runners)

1 (3) 301100 IRON KING 6 (D,F,G) (T Coleman) J Spearing 5-10-0 G Hubbard (3) 94
2 (1) 66-8450 GOODY FOUR SHOES 21 (D,F) (A Newcombe) C Hill 3-9-10 G Duffield 85
3 (14) 250008 CRONK'S COURAGE 7 (B,D,F,S) (Cronk Garages Ltd) G Lewis 5-9-7 J Carroll 93
4 (19) 003425 RUSHANES 6 (D,BF) (M MacCarthy) T Casey 4-9-2 J Reid 92
5 (20) 304103 VERY BOLD 12 (D,G) (D Newton) P Evans 3-9-1 NON-RUNNER —
6 (11) 540356 TACHYON PARK 21 (B,CD,F,G) (M Hollingsworth) P Howling 8-8-13 B Crossley 92
7 (8) 323405 FLOWER REEF 12 (R Mohammed) G Eden 3-8-12 A Munro 85
8 (2) 010000 EVER SO ARTISTIC 94 (D,G) (M Orpen-Palmer) P Howling 4-8-12 F Norton (5) 94
9 (18) 344520 SAINT SYSTEMS 21 (CD,F,G,S) (C Hill) C Hill 3-8-12 A Tucker (5) 94
10 (6) 1/00000 LAZY RHYTHM 6 (S) (Miss S Hamilton) D Jermy 5-8-11 A Dicks —
11 (16) 604600 PENDOR DANCER 6 (B,CD,F,G) (D Bay) B Forsey 8-8-10 J Williams 84
12 (5) 04-5000 HOLD FAST 13 (H Candy) H Candy 3-8-7 Antoinette Armes (7) 89
13 (17) 6030/00- GODSALL 378 (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 4-8-7 C Rutter —
14 (15) 600032 BARBARA'S CUTIE 12 (A Fearn) M Blanshard 3-8-6 N Adams ● 99
15 (9) 0012023 STOCKTINA 6 (D,G) (Mrs M Fairbairn) R Hodges 4-8-6 R Cochrane 97
16 (4) 000000 GREEN'S STUBBS 6 (F) (Mrs A Piggott) A Barrow 4-8-3 R Fox 90
17 (13) 215660 DAWES OF NELSON 7 (D,G,S) (A Galbraith) M Bolton 6-8-2 T Williams 91
18 (7) 0000-0 GAELIC HOPE 6 (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 4-7-13 N Carlisle —
19 (12) 0-06006 VICTORIA PRINCESS 6 (N Chappell) L Holt 4-7-12 A Mackay 85
20 (10) /000/0 RUSSLEY 6 (Mrs M McCusker) C C Elsey 7-7-7 S Dawson —
21 (21) 040000 ORATEL FLYER 33 (V) (P Hughes Construction Ltd) R Thompson 4-7-7 — 96

Long handicap: Russley 7-8, Oratel Flyer 7-8.

BETTING: 9-2 Stocktina, 11-2 Very Bold, 6-1 Barbara's Cutie, 7-1 Tachyon Park, 8-1 Rushanes, 10-1 Dawes Of Nelson, Flower Reef, 12-1 Saint Systems, 14-1 Cronk's Courage.

1990: SAINT SYSTEMS 4-8-4 A Tucker (6-1) C Hill 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

IRON KING on penultimate outing 9th to How's Yer Father (gave 2lb with RUSHANES (rec 11lb) 2nd beaten a nk at Chepstow (5f 18yd, good to soft). CRONKS COURAGE 6th beaten 3½l by Twilight Falls (rec 24lb) at Nottingham (5f, good to firm). RUSHANES 5th beaten 5½l by Danuselam (gave 11lb) with STOCKTINA (rec 5lb) 3rd beaten 2½l and VICTORIA PRINCESS (rec 13lb) 8th beaten 8¾l at Chepstow (5f 16yd, good to soft). VERY BOLD 3rd beaten over 2½l by Sir Tasker (rec 2lb) with BARBARA'S CUTIE (rec 9lb) 2nd beaten a nk and FLOWER REEF (gave 5lb) 5th beaten 3l at Wolverhampton (5f, good). TACHYON PARK 6th beaten 6l by IRON KING (gave 5lb) with SAINT SYSTEMS (gave 2lb) 10th of 20 at Warwick (5f, good). SAINT SYSTEMS on penultimate 2nd beaten 2l by STOCKTINA (rec 5lb) with RUSHANES (rec 6lb) 3rd beaten 4l at Brighton (5f 59yd, good). Selection: SAINT SYSTEMS

Turgeon wins Prix Royal-Oak

TURGEON, trained in France by Jonathan Pease and ridden by Tony Cruz, won the group one £40,374 Prix Royal-Oak, the French St Leger at Longchamp yesterday beating Clive Britain's Shambo (Michael Roberts) by three-quarters of a length. Turgeon, the winner of the Irish St Leger, was second in 1989 and third last year.

Steve Cauthen, who finished third on Wajd, rode the Irish sprinter Archway to fill the same position behind the Andre Fabre Ski Chief in the group three Prix du Petit Couvert (5f), but the American's mount was later awarded second place at the expense of Dream Talk, who bumped Archway close home.

At Keeneland, Kentucky, on Saturday the John Gosden-trained Satin Flower (Corey Black) was beaten a nose by La Guerriere in the Queen Elizabeth II Challenge Cup (9f). Richard Hannon's Only Yours (Lafitt Pincay) was second-last of the nine runners and is now doubtful for the Breeders' Cup series at Churchill Downs on Saturday.

Also on Saturday, Alhijaz, trained by John Dunlop and ridden by Lester Piggott, was a two-and-a-half lengths winner from the Michael Bell-trained Governor's Imp (Billy Newnes) in the group one Gran Criterium (1m) in Milan.

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 S West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F – fall. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing. J if jumps. F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

3.50 WIDMERPOOL MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,679: 1m 1f 218yd) (18 runners)

1 (1) BURP (Mrs F Gorst) D Morley 9-0 S Whitworth —
2 (2) 0 BUSHFIRE MOON 7 (Mrs F Stockwell) C Williams 9-0 J Quinn —
3 (9) HANJESSDAN (G Vine) D Haydn Jones 9-0 J Lowe —
4 (16) HUNTING GROUND (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0 R Hills —
5 (6) 206030 MUBIN 25 (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 W Carson 86
6 (12) 02 RAYADO 21 (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 9-0 W Ryan 91
7 (5) 5 RURIK 16 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0 G Carter 88
8 (10) 206000 SCENT OF BATTLE 35 (W Carpenter) M Haynes 9-0 D Biggs (5) 82
9 (14) 45 BOOGY LADY 149 (K Moorcroft) I Campbell 8-9 G Bardwell 74
10 (11) 0 CINNAMON FERN 9 (Sheikh Mohammed) L Cumani 8-9 L Dettori 73
11 (7) 0 COOLNESS 21 (Pin Oak Stable) J Gosden 8-9 M Hills —
12 (4) 00 HYMNE D'AMOUR 34 (Lord Chelsea) Miss H Knight 8-9 Dale Gibson 87
13 (3) MELFORD (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-9 — —
14 (8) 23-44 MISSED AGAIN 33 (Capt. J Macdonald-Buchanan) J Dunlop 8-9 T Quinn 95
15 (13) 42435 TITIAN RED 42 (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-9 J Weaver (7) ● 99
16 (15) WOLF WOOD (W Lidsey) M Wildman 8-9 K Darley —

BETTING: 7-

Hunt for red October proves fruitless as season's pacemakers cap a miserable month by losing leadership of the League

Lack of firepower leaves United's ambitions exposed

CLIVE WHITE

ALEX Ferguson would doubtless like to turn back the clock three weeks, never mind one hour. The hunt for red October turned out to be a forlorn one; just two points from three games that it was felt would provide Manchester United with a stern examination of their domestic ambition, while abroad they almost certainly surrendered the Cup Winners' Cup.

Yet there cannot be much that Ferguson would have done differently. United did not have the best of luck against Liverpool, Arsenal and Atlético Madrid and while losing 3-2 to Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday was more a case of good luck running out, there was some excuse for a first League defeat of the season, which cost them the League leadership.

As if their spirit had not suffered enough with those late hammer blows in Madrid last Wednesday, they came to Hillsborough with their flesh weakened by injuries to Bruce and Robson, which both players manfully carried throughout the game but, perhaps most significantly, they also came without the services of Hughes and Ince, for reasons of suspension and injury, respectively.

In such condition they were required to resist a Wednesday team on a seven-match winning roll at home, and one that was definitely "up for it". It was hardly surprising, therefore, that Trevor Francis fancied his team's chances of success, even when they were trailing at half-time.

But if defeat for United seemed somehow inevitable, it was never conceded until the final whistle, and that alone ought to give Ferguson and his players heart, however bad an omen this defeat may seem. It was at Hillsborough that United's unbeaten start of 15 games came to an end in the ill-fated 1985-6 season.

Ferguson was keeping his chin up, even if he might have been advised to keep his head down during the course of the game, when he was struck by a coin thrown by a spectator believed to have been seated among Wednesday's season ticket holders.

"There's no point in reflecting on the fact that we've lost our place at the top because it doesn't really matter at this stage," he said. "I'm not in the slightest bit bothered. With players like that, they'll come back all right. I'm certain of that."

No, it is not character that United lack. Nor it is defensive vigilance, despite conceding six goals in their past two games. It is firepower from an attack which, with or without Hughes, is markedly inferior to that of their leading rivals and, in particular and possibly crucially, to that of Arsenal. It is also the reason why United's prospects of overhauling Atlético's three-goal advantage are viewed so dimly.

Naturally, it did not help having Robins (remember him, the FA Cup hero of two seasons ago?) suspended at the same time as the combative Welshman, but Ferguson would be kidding himself if he thought that McClair's brace of goals proved that he does have options in attack.

Never were two goals more fortuitously claimed by the Scot, who is far more at home as a constructive midfield player, occasionally lending his shooting skill to the attack.

Ironically, Wednesday appear to possess a wealth of forward talent. Hirst is the pick of it, and he opened the scoring in the fourteenth minute with a header superbly struck on the run from a cross from Worthington. Wednesday's defenders then proceeded to commit their own version of hara-kari twice in the space of five minutes to surrender the lead, and McClair, Giggs and Kanchelskis spurned to wrap the game up before half-time.

The game was already turning inexorably Wednesday's way when Jemson, a recent £800,000 acquisition from Nottingham Forest, arrived in the 63rd minute to give it that extra push with goals in the seventieth and eightieth minutes, the winner stemming, as United's luck would have it, from an unfortunate headed pass by Webb.

☐ South Yorkshire police are studying a video in an attempt to identify the supporter who threw the coin at Alex Ferguson. Ferguson suffered a cut to his scalp on the left side of his head, but did not require stitches.

The incident happened as he called to his players on the touchline in front of the team's dug-out, immediately after Sheffield Wednesday had made the score 2-2.

Ferguson said: "It's a shame because there was nothing nasty in the match and it was a terrific game. It's just one idiot who could spoil it for all the others, because there's no doubt that Sheffield could get into trouble over this."

MATCH FACTS

At Hillsborough. Att: 38,260. Ref: K Breen
Home record v Man Utd: P 45, W 26, D 10, L 9

HT: 1-2 **SHEFFIELD WED 3 MAN UTD 2**

Scorers: Hirst 15, Jemson 70, 81 — McClair 18, 23
Cautions: Palmer 45 — Blackmore 74
Subs: Jemson 66 (Worthington), Harkes 90 (Hirst) — Martin 90 (Bruce)

	SHEFFIELD WED		MAN UTD	
Shots (on target/total)	6	10	5	8
Corners (left/right)	4	1	2	3
Crosses (left/right)	15	16	9	15
Free kicks/pens conceded	13	—	16	—
Offsides		2		4
Possession (gained/lost)	53	106	52	105

SHEFFIELD WED (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
C Woods	—	—	—	—	—
R Nilsson	—	—	3	1	4
P King	—	3	1	1	—
C Palmer	1	—	2	2	4
P Warhurst	1	—	—	1	2
V Anderson	—	—	—	2	1
D Wilson	2	1	4	1	—
J Sheridan	—	3	2	1	—
D Hirst	3	1	1	—	1
P Williams	—	3	1	—	3
N Worthington	1	4	2	1	—
N Jemson	2	—	—	1	—
J Harkes	—	—	—	1	—

MANCHESTER UTD (5-3-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
P Schmeichel	—	—	—	—	—
P Parker	—	—	2	—	—
D Irwin	—	4	—	—	1
S Bruce	—	—	1	3	1
N Webb	1	2	3	1	1
G Pallister	1	—	—	1	—
B Robson	—	—	—	2	3
A Kanchelskis	—	—	3	—	1
B McClair	2	—	—	3	1
C Blackmore	2	—	4	1	1
R Giggs	2	3	1	4	2
L Martin	—	—	1	—	—
Unused: M Donaghy					

NIGEL JEMSON'S two goal attempts proved vital in an even contest. His counterpart, McClair, made a similar contribution, his two shots also finding the net. Without Hughes, however, United looked lopsided — four men vying for space on the right while Giggs got little change out of Nilsson on the left with just three crosses. Wednesday were far more balanced with Williams, Worthington, Wilson and Sheridan the providers for Hirst.

☐ *Compiled by Julian Desborough*

MARC ASPLAND

Arm's length: Gale, of West Ham, left, keeps Lineker, of Tottenham, at bay at Upton Park on Saturday

A sweet and sour show

West Ham United 2
Tottenham Hotspur 1

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

AN UNCOMMONLY attractive derby was soiled in the end by an uncharacteristic incident that carried undertones of the brawl between Arsenal and Manchester United a year ago. The cause of the unpleasantness, though more verbal than physical at Upton Park, and not on the same scale, was ominously similar.

A reckless challenge provoked more than a few bystanders to intervene on behalf of their colleagues and throw accusations rather than punches at each other. As at Old Trafford, the players claimed that team spirit had compelled them to enter not so much a fray as an argument.

Even Lineker, the implacable captain of England, featured prominently in the heated discussions, which erupted once Durie had vented his anger. Convinced that Breacker's push should have been worthy of a penalty, he first fouled somebody his own size, Thomas, and then somebody who is not, Slater.

As West Ham United's most talented individual crumpled, bearing the imprint of studs on his inner thigh, Small ran some 30 yards to remonstrate vehemently with the assailant. The protest was unnecessary because Durie, booked for his first offence, was bound to be sent off.

Tottenham Hotspur's reaction was equally misplaced. Although fingers were jabbed in the direction of Small, and Stewart had to be restrained from taking stronger action, the referee calmly consulted a linesman before issuing his verdict. The official crime, punished automatically by a one-match suspension, was "persistent misconduct after being cautioned".

An unusually infuriated Lineker still insisted that Small was a decisive factor. The leading scorer for West Ham defended himself by launching an attack. "I've seen Lineker fall over, when there is no need to, and influence a referee," he said. "But he has the mouth to accuse me of being unprofessional."

Significantly, Slater is doubtful for the Rumbelows Cup tie against Sheffield United tomorrow. "If he doesn't play, it upsets our team," Small said. "If a bloke is lying injured and ten others walk away, there is no team spirit; that's what we have at West Ham."

Small's action was deplored by his manager. "He shouldn't have been anywhere near the incident," Billy Bonds said. Similarly, Peter Shreeves regretted his side's lack of discipline. "I've no complaints about the referee's decision," he said. "The people who were not involved should not have been voicing their opinions."

Shreeves recognises that a repetition of a collective dispute during the European Cup Winners' Cup tie in Porto next week would have "dire consequences". So would a repetition of a defensive display that contributed to a fourth successive League defeat and dropped the club into the lower half of the table.

Tottenham, vulnerable especially on their left flank, failed to protect an early lead established by Lineker. Put through by Samways, he scored with a touch of the highest class — a flick with the outside of his right foot.

Although the quality of the West Ham goals from Small and Thomas was lower, their quantity promised to be considerably higher. Small and McAvennie struck an upright in each half.

Instead of indulging in the tedious animosity that is so often the feature of derbies, the rivals allowed each other to compete openly on a more charming plane. The creative ideas were evident even if the ability to execute them was not. The thoughts counted for more than the skill.

West Ham seem to be intent on playing their way out of trouble in their own traditional way, a prospect which was not so apparent earlier in the season. More is the pity that the gourmet meal on Saturday should leave such a bitter taste in the mouth.

WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko; T Breacker, M Thomas, A Gale, S Potts, G Parris, I Bishop, P McAvennie, M Small, K Keen, S Slater.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Thorstvedt; J Edinburgh, P Van den Hauwe (sub: G Bergsson), Nayim (sub: S Houghton), S Sedgley, G Mabbutt, P Stewart, G Durie, V Samways, G Lineker, P Allen.
Referee: D Elleray.

Fashanu's threat is resolutely repulsed

Aston Villa 2
Wimbledon 1

By PETER BALL

RON Atkinson has not taken long to stamp his mark on Aston Villa. On Saturday they defeated Wimbledon to move up to sixth place and have been beaten only once in a run of eight games.

More significant, the game was won with the flourish, for 45 minutes anyway, that is Atkinson's trademark. Olney, who has been out of favour, showed his quality with an outstanding all-round display, accepting Regis's pass to take on Barton and beat Segers for the first, and sending in Yorke for a second.

Two up in half-an-hour, with Daley, Blake and Yorke displaying their party tricks, and the crowd responding ecstatically, they briefly threatened to run riot. It was an Atkinson side rampant.

But they were playing Wimbledon. The word in football is that, with gates lower than ever at Selhurst Park, and Peter Withe becoming their third manager in three years, the first division's unwanted guests might depart at last this season.

Not on Saturday's evidence, even though they are still looking for their first win under Withe. Segers made three flying saves, and Barton twice popped up to kick the ball off the line, and the London side survived until half-time.

From that unpromising base, with Barton everywhere, their young, below-strength side took over. Suddenly it was the old familiar Wimbledon, with the ball flying into the box, where Fashanu put himself about to such effect that McGrath, Villa's defensive rock, headed for the dentist at the end to have his teeth straightened.

"Our centre halves have never been so battered and bloodied," Atkinson said. "But we showed the character and resilience to hold on."

As is the way of gunslingers, McGrath and Teale were not complaining. "I've played all my career in non-League and the lower divisions, and there are some right animals down there," Teale said. "Fashanu is as hard as any of them." He said it admiringly.

For his part, Fashanu preferred to talk about his goalscoring. "Graham Taylor said when he took over that he would give people a fair crack of the whip. I've scored nine goals now and I'm still waiting for my chance for that fair crack," he complained.

"If he was Irish he'd be straight in our team," McGrath said through his bruised lips. On the other hand, perhaps Fashanu could be accommodated alongside Wade Dooley.

ASTON VILLA: L Sealey; D Kubicki, S Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, K Richardson, A Daley, C Regis, I Olney, M Blake, D Yorke.
WIMBLEDON: H Segers; N Ardley, T Phelan, W Barton, G Elkins, V Ryan, T Gibson (sub: A Cork), R Earle, J Fashanu, J Scales, P McGee.
Referee: R Nixon.

WEEKEND FOOTBALL RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League First division

ARSENAL (0) 2 NOTTS CTY (0) 0
Smith 63 Wright 75 — 30,011
A VILLA (2) 2 WIMBLEDON (0) 1
Olney 9 Yorke 29 — Fashanu 78
16,928
C PALACE (0) 0 CHELSEA (0) 0
21,841
LEEDS UTD (0) 1 OLDHAM (0) 0
Kilcline 55 (og) — 28,199
LIVERPOOL (1) 1 COVENTRY (0) 0
Houghton 34 — 33,339
MAN CITY (2) 3 SHEFF UTD (2) 2
Sheron 22 Quinn 38 — Gayle 33 41
Hughes 76 — 25,495
NORWICH (1) 1 LUTON (0) 0
Newman 41 — 10,541
NOTTM FOR (0) 1 SOTON (1) 3
Black 84 — Le Tissier 33 70 (pen) Shearer 71
20,026
QPR (2) 3 EVERTON (0) 1
Bailey 7 Barker 45 90 — Cottee 56
10,002
SHEFF WED (1) 3 MAN UTD (2) 2
Hirst 15 Jemson 69 80 — McClair 17 22
38,260
WEST HAM (2) 2 TOTTENHAM (1) 1
Small 12 Thomas 28 — Lineker 5
33,946

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leeds Utd	14	5	2	0	13	6	3	3	1	12	6	29
Man Utd	13	4	3	0	13	2	4	1	1	8	5	28
Man City	14	4	0	3	11	10	4	1	2	8	7	25
Arsenal	13	5	1	1	16	8	2	2	2	13	10	24
Sheff Wed	14	6	0	1	19	9	1	3	3	7	9	24
A Villa	14	4	1	2	12	5	2	2	3	8	10	21
C Palace	13	3	2	2	11	12	3	1	2	11	12	21
Liverpool	12	4	2	0	9	4	1	3	2	5	6	20
Coventry	14	4	1	3	11	5	2	1	3	5	8	20
Chelsea	14	2	4	1	14	10	2	3	2	9	10	19
Norwich	14	3	3	1	8	6	1	4	2	8	11	19
Wimbledon	14	4	0	3	14	10	1	2	4	8	12	17
Tottenham	11	1	0	3	4	6	4	1	2	14	11	16
Nottm For	13	3	1	2	13	12	2	0	5	11	12	16
Everton	14	3	3	1	12	7	1	1	5	8	14	16
Oldham	13	3	3	1	14	10	1	0	5	5	10	15
West Ham	13	2	2	3	7	8	1	4	2	9	11	15
QPR	14	1	4	2	8	10	1	2	3	8	10	15
Notts Co	14	2	1	4	9	16	2	2	3	8	9	15
Soton	13	1	3	4	4	13	2	2	3	9	9	13
Luton	14	2	3	1	7	6	0	1	7	1	24	10
Sheff Utd	14	2	2	3	8	10	0	1	6	12	21	9

FA CUP: Fourth-round qualifying: Whitley Bay 1, Witton 4 Guiseley 2, Bishop Auckland 1, Runcorn 1, Gateshead 0; Barrow 0, Bridlington Town 1, Telford 1, Knowsley 0; Colwyn Bay 0, Morecambe 2, Chorley 2, Emley 2, Leek 0, Lincoln 2; Gretna 3, Stalybridge 2, Winsford 3, Altrincham 2, Welling 5, Alvechurch 1, Colchester 5, Burton 0; Kettering 0, Stafford 0, Gravesend 1, Harlow 1 Grays 0, Atherstone 2 Enfield 2, VS Rugby 1, Tamworth 0, Bromsgrove 1, Baldock 1, Halesowen 1, Aylesbury 1, Chesham 1; Tiverton 1, Dover 0; Merthyr 1, Windsor and Eton 1, Worcester 1, Marlow 2; Salisbury 1, Farnborough 7; Hersham 0, Crawley Town 0; Slough 2, Kingstonian 1, Weymouth 1, Sutton Utd 1 Hayes 1 Dorchester 0; Tonbridge 1, Yeovil 2.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 5, Basingstoke 1, St Albans 1, Woking 1; Staines 1, Hendon 3, Wivenhoe 1, Bishop's Stortford 0; Wokingham 1, Bromley 4 First division: Aveley 0, Abingdon 1, Barking 2, Leyton Wingate 2, Chalfont St Peter 0, Maidenhead 1, Hitchin 2, Boreham Wood 1; Molesey 0, Dorking 3, Stevenage Borough 1, Dulwich 1; Tooting and Mitcham 3, Croydon 2; Walton and Hersham 0, Wembley 1 Second division: Barton 2, Metropolitan Police 1, Harefield 1, Berkhamsted 1, Hungerford 1, Egham 3; Leatherhead 2, Southwick 1; Lewes 0, Ruislip Manor 2, Newbury 1, Southall 0; Purfleet 1, Hemel Hempstead 1, Saffron Walden 1 Billericay 0; Ware 1, Malden Vale 1, Witham 4, Banham 2, Worthing 1.

Second division

BLACKBURN (1) 2 GRIMSBY (1) 1
Sutton 2 Atkins 60 — Childs 6
11,006
BRIGHTON (0) 0 SWINDON (1) 2
7,370 — Shearer 19 49
BRISTOL C (0) 1 NEWCASTLE (1) 1
Taylor 87 — Clark 13
6,613
CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 BARNSLEY (0) 1
Claridge 71 — Rammell 65
Dublin 82 — 5,634
MIDDLSBRO (1) 1 PORT VALE (0) 0
Kernaghan 25 — 11,403
MILLWALL (1) 1 DERBY (1) 2
Kerr 44 — Davison 36
7,560 — Ormondroyd 89
OXFORD (0) 1 LEICESTER (1) 1
Simpson 78 — Wright 26
5,206
PLYMOUTH (0) 0 WATFORD (1) 1
4,080 — Bazeley 21
PORTSMTH (1) 1 IPSWICH (1) 1
Burns 43 — Milton 17
8,007
SOUTHEND (1) 1 CHARLTON (0) 1
Austin 34 (pen) — Lesburn 53
7,320
SUNDRLAND (1) 1 BRISTOL R (1) 1
Bennett 34 — Reece 15
14,746
WOLVES (1) 1 TRANMERE (0) 1
Birch 44 — Steel 76
12,266

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Middlesbro	15	7	1	0	13	1	2	1	4	7	10	29
Cambridge	13	5	1	1	15	6	4	0	2	11	10	28
Charlton	14	5	0	2	11	7	3	3	1	10	7	27
Swindon	13	5	1	1	15	8	3	1	2	15	8	26
Ipswich	14	5	1	1	12	9	2	2	4	11	11	26
Derby Co	14	4	1	2	13	7	3	3	1	9	7	25
Blackburn	13	4	2	1	11	5	2	1	3	7	8	21
Leicester	13	5	0	1	12	3	1	2	4	5	15	20
Bristol C	14	4	3	1	10	8	1	2	3	8	13	20
Wolves	13	2	2	2	8	8	3	2	2	10	9	19
Southend	13	2	2	3	9	10	3	2	1	8	4	19
Portsmouth	13	4	2	0	9	2	1	2	4	4	11	19
Grimsby	13	2	2	3	11	12	3	0	3	8	10	17
Port Vale	15	2	5	0	9	7	2	0	6	6	11	17
Tranmere	13	2	3	1	11	10	1	4	2	7	7	16
Sunderland	14	2	3	1	10	7	2	1	5	15	19	16
Watford	13	2	0	4	7	9	3	1	3	8	7	16
Millwall	13	2	0	4	10	11	2	3	2	11	10	15
Brighton	14	2	2	3	11	12	2	1	4	6	13	15
Newcastle	14	2	4	1	14	12	1	1	5	8	15	14
Barnsley	15	3	0	5	8	13	1	2	4	7	11	14
Oxford	14	3	2	3	12	11	0	0	6	7	15	11
Bristol R	13	2	2	2	10	10	0	2	5	4	17	10
Plymouth	13	2	1	3	6	11	0	2	5	7	16	9

Barnstead Athletic 4 Third division: Bracknell 0, Hampton 5, Camberley 3, Epsom and Ewell 1, Clapton 2, Royston 0; Collier Row 6, Hertford 2, Edgware 9, Eastbourne 1, Feltham and Hounslow B 1, Kingsbury 0; Petersfield 2, Chertsey 0; Tilbury 1, Flackwell Heath 1, Thame 3, Hornchurch 0.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Droylsden 0, Buxton 0, Reetwood 2, Bangor City 1, Frickley 0, Marine 4; Gainsborough 0, Southport 2; Horwich 2, Goole 1, Matlock 0, Mossley 2; Shepshed 1, Hyde 2. First division: Curzon Ashton 2, Lancaster City 3; Farsley Celtic 2, Warrington 5, Netherfield 1, Irlam 1; Newtown 1, Worksop 2; Rhyl 2, Harrogate 0; Rossendale Utd 0, Eastwood Town 1; Workington 3, Altreton 2.

BLEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford 1, Trowbridge 1; Dartford 2, Gloucester 0, Moor Green 2, Cambridge City 2; Poole 2, Corby 2; Wealdstone 2, Waterlooville 0. Southern division: Andover 3, Havant 1; Burnham 1, Canterbury 0; Braintree 0, Hastings 2; Bury 0, Gosport Borough 3, Dunstable 0, Stamfordbourne 1; Erith and Belvedere 1 Sudbury 2; Margate 4, Witney 4; Newport IOW 3, Ashford 2 Midland division: Barry 2, Leicester Utd 1; Bedworth 1, Hednesford 1, Grantham 0, Solihull Borough 1, Hinckley 2, Bridgnorth 3; Nuneaton Borough 1, King's Lynn 0; Rushden 0, Dudley 0; Stourbridge 2, Newport AFC 3, Stroud 3, Bilston 1, Yate 3, Sutton Coldfield 0.

Third division

BOURNMTH (0) 1 BRADFORD (1) 3
Quinn 77 — Torpey 31, Richards 54, Tinnion 89
4,448
BURY (0) 0 BRENTFORD (2) 3
2,280 — Holdsworth 40 44, Gayle 58
CHESTER (0) 0 BOLTON (0) 1
1,887 — Darby 90
FULHAM (1) 1 PRESTON (0) 0
Morgan 41 — 4,082
HULL (1) 5 DARLINGTN (2) 2
Payton 30 70, Stoker 53 78, Windass 66 — Ellison 10, Norton 35 (og)
PETERBORO (2) 3 HARTLPOOL (0) 2
Riley 10 35, Charlery 76, Jones 3,365 — Bennyworth 72, Honour 77
SHRWSBRY (0) 1 READING (0) 2
Griffiths 62 — Dillon 55 Taylor 70
2,398
STOKE (1) 2 L ORIENT (0) 0
Biggins 36, Cranson 71 — 8,555
TORQUAY (0) 1 SWANSEA (0) 0
Elliott 50 — 1,908
WBA (0) 0 BIRMINGHAM (0) 1
26,168 — Dinkwll 49
WIGAN (1) 4 EXETER (1) 1
Johnson 31, Powell 57, Connolly 73, Daley 80 — Hilaire 39
1,761

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	13	5	2	0	17	9	3	2	1	6	4	29
Brentford	13	5	0	2	17	12	4	0	2	8	4	27
WBA	13	5	1	1	15	5	3	1	2	5	7	26
Stockport	13	5	0	1	15	6	2	2	3	10	12	23
Huddersfld	13	3	2	1	4	1	3	2	2	12	10	22
Stoke	13	4	3	0	13	7	1	3	2	4	6	21
Fulham	13	3	1	2	8	3	3	2	2	11	10	21
Exeter	13	5	1	1	16	8	1	2	3	6	18	21
Bradford	13	3	3	1	15	10	2	2	2	8	9	20
Leyton O	13	3	4	0	9	6	2	0	4	9	11	19
Bolton	13	3	2	1	7	5	2	2	3	12	14	19
Hull	13	3	2	1	12	10	3	2	2	5	7	17
Preston	13	3	3	0	11	5	1	2	4	8	11	17
Shrewsbury	13	3	2	1	10	4	1	2	4	5	11	16
Bournemth	13	2	2	3	6	7	1	5	0	5	4	16
Reading	13	1	3	2	6	7	3	1	3	8	9	16
Bury	13	2	3	2	13	12	2	0	4	9	13	15
Hartlepool	13	4	0	2	12	9	0	3	4	8	14	15
Peterboro	13	2	3	1	8	6	1	2	4	5	13	14
Chester	13	2	1	3	5	4	1	1	5	10	12	11
Wigan	13	2	1	4	10	12	0	4	2	8	10	11
Darlington	12	1	1	4	7	11	2	0	4	8	14	10
Swansea	12	2	3	1	7	5	0	1	5	0	12	10
Torquay	13	3	0	4	9	9	0	0	6	2	13	9

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Ashton Utd 2, Prescot 0; Blackpool 0, Atherton LR 2; Bootle 3, Bacup Borough 1, Bradford Park Avenue 1, St Helens 2; Flixton 2, Darwen 0. Great Harwood 3, Marine Road (Man) 2; Nantwich 4, Clitheroe 2; Skelmersdale 3, Penrith 1, Vauxhall GM 2, Eastwood Hanley 0.

Fourth division

CARDIFF (1) 2 DONCASTER (1) 1
Pike 1 (pen) 84 (pen) — Gormley 38
2,491
CARLISLE (0) 2 CREWE (0) 1
Watson 52 Fyfe 78 — Edwards 88
1,905
CHESTRFLD (1) 2 HEREFORD (0) 0
Hewitt 7 Hawke 69 — 2,949
GILLINGHAM (0) 3 NORTHPTN (0) 1
Crown 58 60 80 — Campbell 65
2,544
LINCOLN (0) 0 BURNLEY (1) 3
3,235 — Francis 39, Conroy 75 (pen), Lancashire 83
ROCHDALE (1) 1 HALIFAX (0) 0
Flounders 26 — 2,323
SCARBORO (0) 0 BARNET (2) 4
1,942 — Showler 15, Willis 28 88, Bull 58
SCUNTHRPE (0) 1 MANSFIELD (1) 4
Emms 56 — Wilkinson 9 78, Charles 87 (pen), Stant 90
3,610
WALSALL (1) 3 ALDERSHOT (0) 1
McLoughlin 18, Anderson 65, McDonald 90 — Hopkins 89
3,025

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mansfield	12	3	1	1	10	3	6	1	0	15	4	29
Barnet	13	6	0	1	17	10	3	2	1	16	7	29
Blackpool	12	5	1	0	14	2	2	2	2	6	7	24
Hereford	12	6	0	0	14	2	1	2	3	2	7	23
Walsall	13	4	1	1	12	4	3	1	3	9	12	23
Rochdale	12	3	3	1	6	5	3	2	0	8	4	23
Burnley	12	4	1	1	10	2	3	0	3	15	10	22
Rotherham	12	2	2	1	10	6	4	2	1	12	6	22
Chesterfld	13	3	1	3	8	6	3	1	2	5	7	20
Crewe	13	2	3	2	12	9	3	1	2	14	10	19
Scunthorpe	13	3	2	1	9	6	2	1	4	5	13	18
Cardiff	12	4	0	2	12	6	0	4	2	5	10	16
Gillingham	12	3	1	1	12	5	1	2	4	7	10	15
Wrexham	12	3	2	2	13	10	0	2	3	3	13	13
Northampton	12	1	4	1	6	7	1	2	3	6	9	12
Halifax	12	1	2	4	4	12	2	1	2	4	5	12
Scarboro	13	3	1	3	8	11	0	2	4	7	16	12
York	12	2	3	1	9	5	0	2	4	2	10	11
Lincoln	12	0	1	4	1	13	3	3	1	3	7	9
Carlisle	13	1	2	4	6	13	1	2	3	7	10	10
Maidstone	12	2	3	2	7	8	0	1	4	3	13	10
Aldershot	12	1	2	3	7	7	1	1	5	4	12	9
Doncaster	13	1	1	4	6	14	0	2	5	7	13	5

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Carshalton 0, Winchmore Hill 4, Midland Bank 3, West Wickham 2; Nat West Bank 4, Old Bromleians 0; Norseman 2, Old Parkonians 0; Alexandra Park 1, Broomfield 0; Ibis 1, East Barnet OG 3; Old Salesians 2, Old Stationers 1; South Bank Poly 0, Crouch End Vampires 0; Alleyn Old Boys 2, Cuaco 1, Merton 1, Old Latymerians 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brightlingsea 3, Walton 2; Chatteris 1, Lowestoft 0; Cornard 2, March Town 1, Felixstowe 5, Norwich 1, Gorleston 3, Halstead 4, Haverhill 2, Clacton 0; Histon 2, Great Yarmouth 1; Newmarket 1, Brantham Athletic 0, Thetford 2, Stowmarket 2; Wisbech 3, Harwich and Parkeston 1, Wroxham 3, Tiptree 1

GM Vauxhall Conference

BATH (1) 1 MACCLSFLD (1) 1
Randall 37 (pen) — Astley 5
523
BOSTON (1) 2 REDBRIDGE (1) 1
Cavell 16 73 — Hardy 3 (og)
1,059
KIDDRMSTR (1) 1 WYCOMBE (0) 0
Whitehouse 8 — 2,037
NORTHWICH (1) 3 CHELTNHM (0) 1
Stringer 12, Ainsworth 58, O'Connor 60 — Brooks 77
484
STALYBRIDGE (1) 1 ABERDEEN (1) 3
Cumrin 43 — Van Da Ven 12, Jess 84 Mason 90
5,662
ST MIRREN (0) 0 CELTIC (1) 5
10,442 — McStay 30, Coyne 48 72, Creaney 85 O'Neill 90

	HOME P	W	D	L	F	A	AWAY W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Farnboro	13	2	1	2	7	7	8	0	0	14	5	31
Wycombe	13	4	0	2	14	7	5	1	1	13	7	28
Colchester	12	4	1	1	18	7	3	3	0	13	7	25
Telford	14	4	1	3	17	15	2	1	3	8	13	20
Slough	11	4	0	2	11	8	2	1	2	10	7	19
Boston	11	3	2	2	13	11	2	2	0	7	4	19
Kettering	10	3	2	0	9	4	2	2	1	5	5	19
Northwich	13	4	2	2	17	10	1	1	3	5	6

FOOTBALL

Wilkinson worried about a lack of strength in depth

Leeds United 1
Oldham Athletic 0

By IAN ROSS

THE euphoria that enveloped Elland Road at the final whistle had barely subsided when Howard Wilkinson delivered a veiled warning to those supporters of Leeds United who, perhaps understandably, saw fit to celebrate a small, if largely insignificant, piece of history.

While Wilkinson's delight at the news that his club had moved to the summit of the first division for the first time since 1974 was just about discernable beneath a fixed, inpenetrable stare, he did not feel inclined to join in the celebrations.

Instead, he casually trotted out the names of those senior players who constitute a casualty list which he feels could undermine his attempts to return the League championship to Yorkshire after an absence of 17 years.

Although Wilkinson has spent heavily in reshaping Leeds since he succeeded Billy Bremner in 1988, he is still clearly concerned about what he construes to be a lack of depth within his squad.

"My biggest problem now is turning out a good team," he said. "There is still two-thirds of the season left to go and I am running out of players. Funds are not unlimited here. We have been back in division one for only 15 months and, in footballing terms, that really is overnight."

Perhaps only now will Wilkinson truly appreciate the enormous pressure of managing a club that has, for so many years, been sustained by reputation and the blind faith of supporters weened on the memories of a successful past.

"As a manager, I have never been on top of the first division," he said. "But I don't think much will change. It is one thing getting there; it is another thing staying there."

Rarely, if ever, has such a noteworthy moment in United's recent history been achieved with such a lack of distinction. This was a tawdry affair, one that gave every indication of ending in stalemate until Oldham Athletic's prolonged and unappealing defiance was ended in suitably shabby circumstances.

Having spent the afternoon nullifying the threat of Chapman by shadowing his every step, Kilcline accepted the additional responsibility of trying to clear McAllister's low cross in the 55th minute only to turn the ball into the roof of his own net.

It was a blunder that did at least infuse some welcome life and passion into a match that was almost devoid of memorable incident.

Not for the first time this season, Leeds did not play particularly well and yet won. In that respect at least, they enjoyed momentary parity with several League champions of the past.

LEEDS UNITED: J Lukic; M Sterland, A Dorigo, D Batty, C Fairclough, C White, G Strachan (sub: C Shutt), Rodney Wallace, Chapman, G McAllister, G Speed (sub: C Kamara).
OLDHAM ATHLETIC: J Hallworth; B Kilcline (sub: R Palmer), A Barlow, N Henry, E Barrett, R Jobson, N McDonald, I Marshall, G Sharp, M Milligan, R Holden.
Referee: D Allison.

Houghton eases the agony

By PETER BALL

FIRST DIVISION

IN YEARS past, a 1-0 win over Coventry sent the Kop home in complaining mood. On Saturday, it came as much needed relief for Liverpool, Ray Houghton's goal proving enough to produce their second win in eight games, ending a miserable week for the Anfield club on an upswing.

The result took them above Coventry, whose early season flourish is beginning to fade. With Barnes, Whelan, Nicol and Wright still to return, Liverpool are only nine points behind Leeds. On Saturday the leadin player was another member of the glorious recent past, a portly Molby controlling midfield in his first game of the season before retiring exhausted 11 minutes from time to a standing ovation.

Arsenal, who had a happier time in Europe, came home to a solid victory over Notts County, Smith and Wright both scoring their twelfth goals of the season. Leeds United and Manchester United will be only too aware of their presence in pursuit.

But Manchester City remain in third place, thanks to their young Northern Irishman, Michael Hughes. Hughes's first goal for the club 14 minutes from time was too late to impress Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, who had just left, but it gave City a 3-2 victory over Sheffield United.

To add to Sheffield's woes, their companions in distress, Southampton and Queen's Park Rangers, both won. Southampton's victory, a 3-1 success at Nottingham Forest with Le Tissier scoring twice and the much coveted Shearer once, almost qualified as the result of the day. The defeat was Forest's seventh in the League this season.

QPR's win over Everton was marginally less surprising, the change to grass at Loftus Road apparently doing nothing to increase Everton's appreciation of the ground. It was hard on Peter Beardsley, who turned in a brilliant performance to no avail — unless the watching Lawrie McMenemy persuades Graham Taylor that Beardsley is Lineker's best partner.

Not Millwall's lucky week

By LOUISE TAYLOR

SECOND DIVISION

IF IAN Hemley had second thoughts about his judgment as he strolled off the Millwall pitch on Saturday, they must have been reinforced when Bruce Rioch joined him in the walk towards the tunnel.

The taut-faced home manager stalked after the referee to query two decisions that not only had a bearing on his team's 2-1 defeat by Derby County but also highlighted a wider problem.

Twice Hemley could have dismissed Derby players — Coleman and Geraint Williams — for professional fouls, but twice he settled for bookings. Coleman responded with a nasty foul when Armstrong swept past him. Presumably because Armstrong was wide on the right, Hemley reasoned he was not in a goal-scoring position, and Coleman not a candidate for an automatic departure.

An Armstrong centre could have prompted a goal though, and Rioch said: "Seeing one player get away with it gives the rest licence. The booked player cannot repeat the foul, but six of his chums might."

Arguably Coleman's reprieve encouraged Geraint Williams into a cynical tackle, precipitating another yellow card that might have been red. Yet if officials were consistent in punishing such offences, players would get the message.

Derby won this committed affair after an injury late in the game to the Millwall goalkeeper Aidan Davison. Bobby Davison had given County the lead and Kerr equalised before Ormondroyd beat Davison's deputy, Cooper.

It was not the best end to a week in which Millwall dismissed Steve Harrison, their coach, for undermining club discipline, but Rioch's team is better than its modest station suggests.

Derby look worth their place, four points behind Middlesbrough, still top after a 1-0 win against Port Vale.

MILLWALL: A Davison (sub: K Cunningham); K Stevens, C Cooper, C Armstrong, D Thompson, A McLeary, P Kerr, J Colquhoun, M Felico, A Rae, P Barber.
DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; M Sage, M Forsyth, G Williams, S Coleman, A Comyn, G Micklewhite, I Ormondroyd, R Davison, P Williams, E McMinn.
Referee: I Hemley.

MARC ASPLAND

Power play: Graf on her way to victory over Garrison in the Midland Bank championships final yesterday

Graf's spirit stops Garrison

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

FOR just a moment, the Steffi Graf love affair with Brighton looked as if it might finally end in tears. She was a set and a break down to an inspired Zina Garrison in the final of the Midland Bank championships yesterday and had just lost one of the longest games of her life.

Defeat — the first in six years in the town — beckoned, and Garrison, playing better than she has at any time in the past two years, sensed a belated first title of the year.

The American, though, had reckoned without the indomitable Graf spirit and, perhaps, without the after-effects of the dreaded virus which had forced Catarina Lindqvist to default early in the second set of their semi-final on Saturday. Garrison herself had nearly retired from her second-round match earlier in the week.

After winning a titanic seventh game of the second set, which lasted 18 minutes and included 12 deuces, to lead 4-3, the No. 3 won just one more game in the match. Graf levelled after one hour 44 minutes and romped through the final set to win her fourth successive Midland Bank title 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 in two hours 12 minutes.

"I ran a bit more than she did and I began to play more defensively than I had before," Garrison said. Graf added: "I don't think I've played a longer game than that. It was a very important game."

Until then, Garrison had done everything right. She had attacked Graf's serve at every opportunity, hugged the net and kept the champion guessing with a delightful mixture of angled drop shots and deep forehand drives.

Graf, drawn to the net more than she would have liked, also showed good touch on the volley but otherwise responded with more traditional weapons — a heavy serve and pulverising forehand.

Every shot in the book and every inch of the court was explored in a classic meeting of the puncher and the counter-puncher, which the watching Chris Eubank, the boxer, would have appreciated.

"She played her best match ever against me," the champion said. "All week, I have not been at my best, but I showed good spirit and played well when I needed to."

Two loose groundstrokes, when she was serving at 4-3, 30-0, betrayed Garrison's growing fatigue and gave Graf the impetus she needed. A backhand pass completed the break back to 4-4 and Graf won the next five games to avert the crisis and keep her record intact for another year.

"There are not many tournaments I've won five times and not many tournaments where I feel so good," she said. "So, of course, I will be back."

Though committed to an exhibition event in Turin next week — not one liable to get her into trouble with the authorities — Graf will rest her injured wrist for eight days before deciding whether to play in Philadelphia, the final tournament before the end-of-term championships in New York next month.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: S Graf (Ger) bt B Paulus (Austria), 7-5, 6-1; Z Garrison (US) bt C Lindqvist (Swe), 6-1, 1-0, ret. Final: Graf bt Garrison, 5-7, 6-4, 6-1. Doubles: Semi-final: Garrison and L McNeil (US) bt R McQuillan (Aus) and W Probst (Ger), 6-1, 6-0. Final: P Shriver (US) and N Zvereva (USSR) bt Garrison and McNeil, 6-1 6-2.

MOTOR SPORT

Goossens outruns the field in record style

MARK Goossens fought through a weekend of frantic action to become the twentieth winner of the Duckhams Formula Ford Festival at Brands Hatch yesterday (Stephen Slater writes).

The Belgian, aged 21, made his way to the front row of the starting grid for the final after beating rivals in the heats, quarter-final and semi-final rounds. Alongside him, in pole position, was Warren Hughes, aged 23, from Tyne and Wear, after similar success in the heats.

As the lights turned to green, Goossens pulled ahead of Hughes and extended his lead as Russell Ingell, of Australia, and Dino Morelli, of Northern Ireland, joined in a four-car battle for the lead.

Ingell became the first casualty when he spun out of contention on the sixteenth of the 20 laps. As Morelli retired with a mechanical failure on the penultimate lap, Goossens set a lap record at an average of 90.45mph on his way to victory in the 1600cc Van Dieman car.

RESULTS: 1, M Goossens (Bel), Van Dieman, 20 laps, 16min 15.23sec (ave speed 86.89mph); 2, W Hughes (GB), Van Dieman, 16:18.91; 3, T Veijalainen (Fin), Van Dieman, 16:18.98; 4, J Spence (GB), Van Dieman, 16:21.69; 5, A McAuley (Ire), Van Dieman, 16 21.71; 6, O Gavin (GB), Swift, 16 22.04.

Fabi adds the drivers' title to Jaguar's haul

Autopolis, Japan — Teo Fabi, of Italy, yesterday added the world sportscar drivers' championship to Jaguar's contructors' title, but it was Mercedes who gained some consolation by winning the final race of the season.

Fabi, with his co-driver, David Brabham, brought his Jaguar XJR-14 home in third place to clinch the title. His colleague, Derek Warwick, racing solo, was the overall runner-up.

But the day also belonged to Mercedes, who gained their first win of the season. Michael Schumacher, the rising talent of Formula One, took his Mercedes C291 into the lead a third of the way through the 430km race and Karl Wendlinger, his co-driver, kept it there. *(Reuter)*

RESULT: 1, M Schumacher (Ger) and K Wendlinger (Austria), Sauber Mercedes, 2hr 29min 36.699sec (ave speed 110.560mph); 2, D Warwick (GB), Jaguar, 2:27:07.187; 3, T Fabi (It) and D Brabham (GB), Jaguar, 2:28 15.860; 4, M Baldi (It) and P Alliot (Fr), Peugeot, one lap behind; 5, J L Schlesser (Fr) and J Mass (Ger), Sauber Mercedes, one lap; 6, G Lees and A Wallace (GB), Toyota, three laps. Drivers' championship: 1, Fabi, 86pts; 2, Warwick, 79; eq 3, Alliot and Baldi, 60; 5, C Euser (Neth), 54; 6, C Zwolsman (Neth), 46. Constructors: 1, Jaguar, 108pts; 2, Peugeot Talbot, 79; 3, Sauber Mercedes, 70; 4, Euro Racing, 54; 5, Mazdaspeed, 47; 6, Porsche Kremer, 43; 7, Courage Competition, 28; 8, Setamin Primagaz, 25; 9, Repsol Brun, 22; 10, Konrad Motorsport, 6.

ATHLETICS

Swansea lift the dragon's spirits

By DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THIS has been the withering season for Welsh sport but the red dragon has not turned its back entirely. The principality's athletes have kept their distance from the afflictions affecting rugby union, football, even Ian Woosnam.

On Saturday, they raided the English locker for the second time in a month. In the last [English] AAA championship of any description before the new British administration gave birth to the AAA of England, Nigel Adams won the 10 miles title. Now Swansea Harriers have become the first holders of the AAA of England six-stage road relay.

To reinforce the message at Astley Park, Chorley, Steve Brace was there for Bridgend AC. Last month, Brace confirmed his candidacy for Welsh sportsman of the year when he won the Berlin Marathon, now in the big league of road races; in April he had helped Britain win the marathon World Cup.

To those who ran or officiated, the semantics made no difference: the spots had changed but it was the same old leopard which had been going for 21 years, and Swansea were claiming their second win in four English six-stage championships. They judged it well. Not until the race was two-thirds over did they finish a stage in the lead. Adams, on leg four, and Ian Hamer, on leg six, denied Shaftesbury Harriers by running two of the six fastest times. John Sherban's outstanding fifth stage run, the fastest of the day by 22 seconds, ensured that Shaftesbury could not be caught by Tipton Harriers for second place.

Hamer's commitment to this winter's world cross-country championships augurs well for Britain because three of England's finest, Eamonn Martin, Richard Nerurkar and Gary Staines, are doing likewise.

☐ Eight days after winning a street mile in Sydney, in 3min 57sec, Steve Cram turned out for his club, Jarrow and Hebburn, at South Shields in the North East Harriers League cross-country over 5.8 miles and finished third, 72 seconds behind the winner, Paul Cuskin, of Valli Harriers.

RESULTS: 1, Swansea Harriers, 1hr 47min 32sec; 2, Shaftesbury Harriers, 1:48:04; 3, Tipton Harriers, 1:48:49; 4, Copeland AC, 1:49:37; 5, Omega AC, 1:49:39; 6, Annadale Striders, 1:50:09. Fastest laps: 1, J Sherban (Shaftesbury), 17min 06sec; 2, N Adams (Swansea), 17:28; 3, J Maycock (Barnsley), 17:38; 4, K McCluskey (Copeland), 17:41; 5, P Dugdale (Horwich RMI), 17:42; 6, I Hamer (Swansea), 17:43.

REAL TENNIS

Snow cruises into final

JULIAN Snow, of Britain, reached the final of the Hayman Island classic in Melbourne with a crushing victory over Maurice Clothier (Sally Jones writes).

Snow, the favourite, was far too sharp for the American No. 1 and lost only two games.

RESULTS: Quarter-finals (Australia unless stated): J Snow (GB) bt N Pendingh (GB), 6-5, 6-1, 6-2. M Clothier (US) bt E Cockram, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2. J Male (GB) bt C Sievers, 6-0, 6-3, 6-3; M Happell bt I Hepworth, 6-0, 6-2, 6-0. Semi-finals: Snow bt Clothier, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0. Happell bt Male, 6-3, 4-6, 6-5, 6-4.

Drinkell breaks deadlock

By PETER ROBINSON

THIRD AND FOURTH DIVISIONS

TEMPORARY it may have been but, for one memorable afternoon, supporters of West Bromwich Albion and Birmingham City were able to forget their troubles and dream of the past.

Birmingham's richly deserved 1-0 victory at The Hawthorns on Saturday so successfully evoked those fond memories of huge crowds and electric atmospheres that it was easy to forget these two were disputing the leadership of the third division and not the first.

The better side won on the day. West Bromwich piled on the pressure in a one-sided first half but created almost nothing. Birmingham produced sporadic openings on the break and Drinkell threatened several times to head the visitors into the lead.

Three minutes after the interval, he did just that, picking his spot after a confident break had caught West Bromwich ball-watching.

Brentford edged West Bromwich out of second spot, courtesy of a 3-0 win at Bury, while, in the fourth division, both Mansfield Town and Barnet reinforced their five-point advantage over the rest by scoring four goals apiece at Scunthorpe United and Scarborough respectively.

WEST BROMWICH ALBION: S Naylor; S Hodson, G Harbey, A Ford, G Strodder, D Bradley, B McNally, D Goodman, C West, C Shakespeare, K Ampadu (sub: P Williams).

BIRMINGHAM CITY: M Thomas; I Clarkson, T Matthewson, M Cooper, M Hicks, P Mardon, L Donowa, J Frain, K Drinkell, N Gleghorn, S Sturridge.
Referee: R Gifford.

FOR THE RECORD

Maurizio Fondriest: first in cycling World Cup

ATHLETICS

SNOWDONIA MARATHON: 1, E Roberts (Penmaenmawr), 2hr 31min 41sec; 2, J Parker (Wolverhampton), 2:33:05; 3, D Jones (Carmarthen), 2:37:00.
SOUTH SHIELDS: North East Harriers League (5.8 miles cross-country): 1, P Cuskin (Valli Harriers), 29min 56sec; 2, P Taylor (Sunderland), 31:06; 3, S Cram (Jarrow and Hebburn) 31:11. Team: Sunderland. Women (3.1 miles): L Harding (Houghton), 17:28.
HENDON: Sri Chinmoy open 24hr track race (inc AAA championship): 1, D Ritchie (Forres), 259,251m/161 miles 1,209 yards; 2, M Francis (Forres), 250,481/155m 1,107yd; 3, D Weir (Horwich Rmi), 238,100/148m 1,000yd. Women: 1, D Nugent (Galway City, Ire), 172/110m 1,093yd; 2, J Karpeliuve (Ukr), 168,480/104m 1,190yd; 3, M Caldwell (Bolton), 153,334/95m 469yd.
OXFORD: Representative cross-country match: Men (5 miles): 1, M Flint (RAF), 23min 00sec; 2, A Robinson (Thames Hare and Hounds), 23:12; 3, A Thomas (TH+H), 23:15. Team: 1, Oxford University, 84pts; 2, RAF, 69; 3, Thames Hare and Hounds, 117. Women (2.5 miles): 1, M Richardson (WRAF), 16:43; 2, E Craig (WRNS), 16:46; 3, S Fensby (WRAF), 16:53. Team: 1, WRAF, 18; 2, Oxford University, 28; 3, Oxford University B, 64.
HARROW: Southern women's cross-country league (4,800m): 1, P Radcliffe (Bedford), 15:35; 2, L Adams (Parkside), 15:40; 3, A Barnes (Bournemouth), 15:41. Team: 1, DEC Aldridge, 80pts; 2, Bournemouth, 86; 3, Crawley 92.
BEDLEY: Invitation 10km road walk: Men: 1, D Baxter (Steyning), 46:51; 2, C Hobbs (Medway), 49:11; 3, P Hennell (Surrey WC), 49:42. Team: Surrey WC. Women: 3 Brown (Surrey WC), 52:22. Women 35+: 1, L Spreadborough (Aldershot), 28m 54s; 2, K Barker (Belgrave), 28:58; 3, L Ford-Dunn (Steyning), 29:08. Team: Belgrave.

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Men: First division: Birmingham Bullets 90, Manchester Giants 93; Cheshire Jets 70, Thames Valley Tigers 128; Kodak Hemel Royals 87, Derby Sucks 89; Worthing Bears 109, Leicester City Riders 105. Second division: Coventry 75, Greenwich 85; Doncaster 82, Barnsley 40; Watford 74, Bury 90. Third division: Chiltern 68, Solent 75; Crystal Palace 75, Swindon 66; Mid-Sussex 91, Stevenage 90; North London 94, Sedgefield 101. Women: First division: Hemel Hempstead 54, Sheffield 81; London YMCA 71, Leicester 96; Rhondda 85, Thames Valley 59. Second division: Harlesden 51, Cheshire 66.

BOWLS

MANCHESTER UNITY LIBERTY TROPHY INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Group one: Warwickshire 110, Cumbria 115; Yorkshire 109, Nottinghamshire 95. Group two: Derbyshire 121, Northumberland 94; Durham 154, Leicester 92. Group three: Essex 118, Lincolnshire 119; Bedfordshire 98, Northamptonshire 134. Group four: Suffolk 123, Cambridgeshire 102; Norfolk 147, Hertfordshire 76. Group five: Devon 130, Somerset 122; Gloucestershire 144, Wiltshire 88. Group six: Worcestershire 158, Herefordshire 89; Dorset 95, Cornwall 89. Group seven: Surrey 109, Berkshire 137; Hampshire 128, Buckinghamshire 110. Group eight: Kent 137, Sussex 100, Middlesex 109, Oxfordshire 117.

CANOEING

LLANGOLLEN: Camelon Vale Fruit Juice International slalom: Men: Kayak: 1, M Jones (GB), 137.69; 2, S Pearce (GB), 138.81; 3, I Raspin (GB), 139.12. Canadian singles: 1, J Prentice (US), 152.95; 2, M Delaney (Scot), 154.29; 3, L Norman (Can), 158.41. Canadian doubles: 1, Arrowsmith, Brain (Eng), 160.58; 2, Clough, Clough (GB), 162.94; 3, Mellis, Brown (Scot), 163.78. Women: Kayak: 1, M Jenssen (Fr), 154.46; 2, Z Gruenmarkova (Cz), 161.15; 3, E Roth (Ger), 161.48.

CYCLING

BERGAMO: Grand Prix des Nations, World Cup (individual time trial, 64km): 1, T Rominger (Switz), 1hr 20min 26sec (47.853kph); 2, R Bugno (Italy) at 58sec; 3, T Fondriest (Switz), 2min 09sec; 4, M Fondriest (It), 2:12; 5, F Echave (Sp), 2:16; 6, F Maassen (Neth), 2:22; 7, R Sorensen (Den), 2:24; 8, S Hodge (Aus), 2:25; 9, M Maurel (Sp), 2:44; 10, L Jalabert (Fr), 3:20. Final World Cup standings: 1, Fondriest, 132pts; 2, Jalabert, 121; 3, Sorensen, 114; 4, E Van Hooydonck (Bel), 94; 5, J Museeuw (Bel), 82; 6, M Madiot (Fr), 71; 7, Maassen, 70; 8, E Van Lancker (Bel), 67; 9, F Baldato (It), 65; 10, A Van der Poel (Neth), 57. Others: 28, M Earley (Ire), 29; 30, S Kelly (Ire), 28.
DORTMUND: Six-day race (positions after three days): 1, J George (Ger) and P Pieters (Neth), 195 pts. At two laps: 2, R Aldag (Ger) and D Clark (Aus), 149; 3, K Kivilaev and M Gamyanov (USSR), 125. At three laps: 4, B Holenweger and S John (Switz), 119. At four laps: 5, A Kappes and O Ludwig (Ger), 193; 6, C Wolf (Ger) and T Doyle (GB), 173.
SYDNEY: Australian Classic: Final standings (after 16 stages): 1, T Lisse (Ger), 27hr 27min 30sec; 2, D Smith (Aus), at 1min 3sec; 3, A Kasterhuber (Ger), 1:22; 4, S Zmitewski (USSR), 1:27; 5, J Lissenyn (US), 1:45; 6, Z Pietsch (Pol), 2:22; 7, R Reid (NZ), 4:14; 8, R McLachlan (Aus), 4:52; 9, A Parks (Eng), 5:17; 10, A Szypytowski (Pol), 5:27. Teams: 1, Soviet Union 57hr 34min 8sec; 2, Poland, at 2min 38sec; 3, New Zealand, 4:15; 7, England, 32:44.

FOOTBALL

ENGLISH SCHOOLS' ADIDAS UNDER-19 TROPHY: Cleveland 2, Northumberland 5. Greater Manchester 2, Merseyside 1. Under-15: Cleveland 2, Northumberland 3. Goodhand Trophy: South Notts 0, Derby 3. London Hawks Trophy: Barking 7, West London 0. Merseyside Trophy: Kingsway 1, Liverpool 2; Halton 1, St Helens 4. Alder Cup: Bolton 2, South Ribble 0; Wirral 1, West Lancs 2.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): New York Rangers 5, Quebec Nordiques 3; Montreal Canadiens 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 1; Minnesota North Stars 4, Boston Bruins 0; Los Angeles Kings 4, New York Islanders 2; Chicago Blackhawks 4, Hartford Whalers 2; New Jersey Devils 8, San Jose Sharks 0; Edmonton Oilers 5, Vancouver Canucks 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 6, Detroit Red Wings 1; Calgary Flames 2, St Louis Blues 2 (ot).

JUDO

DEN BOSCH, The Netherlands: European team championships: Men: Final: Soviet Union bt France, 4-3. 3rd place: Netherlands bt Italy, 4-2. Belgium bt Germany, 4-3 (Netherlands and Belgium tied for 3rd place). Women: Final: France bt Britain, 3-2. 3rd place: Germany bt Belgium, 3-2. Netherlands bt Italy, 3-2 (Germany and Netherlands tied for 3rd place).

FENCING

VIENNA: European Championships: Vienna: Men: Foil: 1, I Busa (Hun); 2, M Ludwick (Austria); 3, Z Eraak (Hun) and B Zych (Pol). Britain: 25, P Kay. Epee: 1, I Kovacs (Hun); 2, J Muratoski (Fr); 3, J Doubis (Cz) and A Sinkinsyer (Aus). Britain: 32, A Poland. Women: Foil: 1, Jancsi (Hun); 2, Tuczai (Hun); 3, Wobber (Ger) and Tavarosa (It). Britain: 18, A Ferguson. Epee: 1, Rothe (Ger); 2, M Varkonyi (Hun); 3, G Szabo (Hun); 4, P Abay (Hun); 5, G Nabold (Hun) and Z Babarsnaia (Ukr). Britain: 12, I Williams.

GOLF

HOUSTON: Men's tournament: Leading third-round scores (US unless stated): 200: J Maggert, 65, 65, 70. 203: D Hammond, 68, 68, 68; M Hulbert, 68, 68, 69; B R Brown, 67, 67, 69; M Reid, 67, 68, 68. 206: T Kite, 69, 73, 64; J Sluman, 73, 67, 66; R Zokol (Can), 68, 70, 68; E Nunenski, 68, 68, 69; P Stewart, 68, 67, 70; D Waldorf, 67, 67, 72. 207: B Lietzke, 70, 70, 67; F Allem (SA), 71, 69, 67; B Lutzke, 71, 68, 68; K Triplett, 71, 68, 68; G Hallberg, 68, 69, 70; S Ellington (Aus), 68, 67, 71.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE: First division: Bournville 1, Wolton 1; Cannock 0, Slough 0; East Grinstead 2, Old Loughtonians 1; Firebrands 2, Neston 2; Havant 3, Teddington 3; Hounslow 2, Southgate 1; Indian Gymkhana 1, St Albans 4; Lyons 0, Teglena 1; Stourport 2, Beeston 1. Second division: Carisbrooke City 1, Surbiton 3; Cambourne 3, Bore Court 0; Doncaster 4, Formby 1; Guildford 1, Barford Tigers 1; Harborne 0, Richmond 2; Ipca 3, Cheltenham 0; Reading 2, Brom 0; Wakefield 0, Bournemouth 2; Warrington 3, Chelmsford 3.
NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bury St Edmunds 2, Broxbourne 4; Colchester 3, Norwich City 2; Cromer 3, West Herts 0; Ipswich 0, Bedfordshire Eagles 5; Peterborough T 1, Harleston Magpies 4; Westcliff 3, Bishop's Stortford 3. First division: Clacton 1, Brentwood 1; Havering 2, Redbridge 2; Ilford 3; Hunstanton 1, Bedford 1; Spalding 2, Ipswich and ES 1; Stevenage 2, Southend 0; Welwyn GC 2, Dereham 4. Second division north: Broadland 4, APV Baker 0; Felixstowe 4, Newmarket 2; Market Deeping 1, Suffolk Wanderers 0; Norwich Union 0, Saffron Walden 2; St Neots 0, Bourne 0; Peterborough Athletic 2, Royston 2. Second division south: Belmont 3, Harlow 2; Chatham 2, Harpenden 1; Dunmow 1, Barnet 2; Romford 2, Wapping 1; Shelford 2, Maldon 2; Thurrock 4, Upminster 1; Waltham Forest 1, Fisherman's Walk 4. Third division north-east: Halesworth 0, UEA 2; Holt 0, Gorleston 1; Lowestoft Railway 2, North Walsham 0; Norfolk Nomads 1, Royal Lancon 1. Third division north-west: Alford 4, Ely City 2; March T 5, Boston 3, Skegness 0, Homeastle 6; Thetford 0, Woodhall Spa 0. Third division south: Braintree 4, Tillingham 0; Essex University 8, Metropolitan Police 0; ICL 1, Steveton 3; Little Baddow 1, Hertford 1; Marconi 0, Angles HEC 1; Old de Paintens 3, Hewitch and D O; Potters Bar 2, Newham 1; Rochford 1, London Hospital 9.
ERNEST AND YOUNG LEAGUE: Premier division: Coventry and North Warwickshire 0, Leicester Westleigh 0; Edgbaston 1, Beeston 1; Knowle 4, Bloxwich 1; Nottingham 1, Belper 1; Olton and North Warwickshire 1, Bridgnorth 0.
PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE: Premier league: Amcharlesr 8, Tunbridge Wells 1; Canterbury 0, Old Tauntons 1; Fareham 1, Eastcote 0; Hayes 0, Wycombe 1, Woking 2; Old Mid-Whitgiftians 3, Winchester 3; Staines 6, Bognor 1; Worthing 1, Oxford Hawks 1.
HAMPSHIRE/SURREY REGIONAL: Bism 2, Oxted 3; Hamble OB 0, City of Portsmouth 1; Merton 0, Old Wolsonians 2; Old Edwardians 1, Barnes 1; Old Whitgiftians 3, Metropolitan Police 0. Hampshire first division: Weymouth 4, Fareham 0. Surrey first division: Croydon MD 3, Old Cranleighans 0; London Wayfarers 5, Wanderers 0; Old Reigatians 0, Barclays Bank 11; Reigate and Banstead 1, Bank of England 2. Royal Holloway 0, Sanderstead 1. Second division: Surrey University 7, King's College 2.
KENT/SUSSEX REGIONAL: Crowborough 3, Midland Bank 0; Eastbourne 0, Old Bicciensians 3, Grinsoend 2, BICC 1; Herne Bay 3, Rochester and Gillingham 2; Horsham 3, Old Holcombians 2; Lloyds Bank 3, Tonbridge 0, Old Williams 1, Mid-Sussex 1; Sevenoaks 3, Lewes 0; Thames Polytechnic 1, Burnt Ash 1. Kent first division: Ashford 0, Belvedere 1; Bexley Heath 1, Wellcome 1, Biddenden 1, Templars 0; Folkestone 1, Maidstone 1; Guru Nanak 2, Greenwich 3. Second division: Edenbridge 2, Heathway 1; Kent University 6, Rsea 0; Old Gravesendians 2, Woodstock 1. Sussex first division: Middleton 5, Hastemere 1.
MIDDLESEX/BERKS/BUCKS AND OXON REGIONAL: Bracknell 2, Harrow 1; Sunbury 2, City of Oxford 0; Windsor 0, Hendon 0. First division: Boyne Hill 1, Monts Motors 3; Richings Park 5, Bicester 2. Second division: Henley 0, Sonning 1; Iding 2, BTR 0.
NORTH PREMIER LEAGUE: Bowdon 0, Brooklands 1; Durham University 4, Preston 2; Hightown Northern 4, Disley 1; Liverpool Sefton 0, Aldersey Edge 1; Norton 1, Ben Rhydding 0; Ramsgate 2, Scotwell 0; Sheffield 2, Blackburn 1; Timperley 2, York 2.
MOWLEM YORKSHIRE LEAGUE: First division: Adel 4, Walton 3; Driffield 0, Bradford 3; Fearsby 3, Harrogate 8; Halifax 4, Lincoln 2; Rotherham 0, Chapeltown 9. Sheffield Bankers 2, Huddersfield 1; York CST 1, Doncaster 2; Appleby Frodingham 1, Bardsey 2; Grimsby 4, Wakefield 4.
NORTH-EAST LEAGUE: First division: Darlington 4, Morpeth 1, Norton 2, Tynemouth 0. Redcar 0, Stockton 2; Sunderland 7, Billingham 0; Tyneside 0, Carlisle 2; Whitehaven 5, South Shields 2.
HALPERN AND WOOLF NORTH-WEST LEAGUE: First division: Cheetham Hill 1, Deeside 1; Knutsford 3, Chester 1, Macclesfield 1, Orton 3, Manchester 1, Winnington Park 2; Northop Hall 0, Southport 1, Prescot 2, Manchester YMCA 0; Springfields 1, Wigan 1, West Derby 0, St Helens 6.

Women

MIDDLESEX DIGEST LEAGUE: Hounslow 3, Sunbury 0. Middlesex first division: Eastcote 1, Hendon 2; Polytechnic 2, Chiswick 1. Second division: Ashford II 1, Hampstead and Westminster 0, Polytechnic 1, Barclays Bank 2; Windsmore Hill 5, Hampstead Cricket 0. Third division: Hounslow 3, Sunbury II 2. Fifth division: Ashford III 0, Southgate Adelaide II 2; Chiswick III 3, Polytechnic III 3; Ealing IV 1, Hayes III 0.
BERKS/BUCKS AND OXON: First division: City of Oxford 1, Milton Keynes 1. Fifth division: Marlow Women II 2, Henley II 0; Newbury 1, Farnham Common 0.
THREE COUNTIES: Second division: Aldermaston 0, Buckingham 3. Third division: Bracknell 5, West Wendy II 0; Richings Park 2, Reading University 0. Fourth division: Boyne Hill 3, Wokingham II 0. Sixth division: Buckingham II 2, Henwell II 0; Phoenix 1, Little Chalfont 1; Wycombe Ladies 1, Holmer Green 0.
SURREY: First division: Surbiton 3, Mid-Surrey 0, Wellington 2, Meon Vamps 2. Third division: Arenal 2, Kenley 1. Fifth division: Horley 5, Kenley II 0. Sixth division: London Wayfarers 4, Addiscombe II 0.
RODDA SUSSEX: First division: South Saxons 3, Lewes 0, Eastbourne 1, Brighton and Hove 2; WSHS 2, Burgess Hill 3, Bognor 1, Chichester 0. Second division: Southwick 0, East Grinstead 2; Kingston and Hove 0, Bexhill 3; Worthing II 1, Pengueins 2; Chichester 2, Middleton 2. Third division: Cowley II 3, East Grinstead II 0; Eastbourne II 2, Burgess Hill II 1, Hailsham 1, Horsham II 2. Fourth division: Chelsea II 14, Southwick II 0; Sussex University 3, Hastings 0, Worthing III 3, Penguins II 0; Chichester III 4, Horsham II 1, Harrow 0, Guildford 0.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replay: Emley v Chorley; Harlow v Gravesend.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Dagenham v Kingstonian. First division: Dulwich v Uxbridge.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley v Matlock. First division: Guiseley v Worksop.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Chelmsford v Crawley; Fisher Athletic v Dorchester. Midland division: Hednesford v Nuneaton Borough. Southern division: Buckingham v Braintree; Bury v Erith and Belvedere; Hythe v Sittingbourne; Weymouth v Havant.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Leicester v Grimsby (7.0). Mansfield v Burnley (7.0).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Luton v Chelsea; Portsmouth v Watford (7.0).
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Third round: Kidderminster v Llansantffraid (7.45).
BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone v Sligo (3.0); Bohemians v Drogheda (3.30); Cork City v St Patrick's Athletic (3.0); Dundalk v Shelbourne (3.30); Shamrock v Bray Wanderers (3.0).
CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Hereford Utd v Plymouth Argyle, Torquay Utd v Yeovil.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clevedon v Ottery St Mary.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Ryedale-York v Leigh (2.30).

SQUASH RACKETS

PIMM'S PREMIER LEAGUE: First division: Vassy Cannons v Adidas Northern, London and Prov, Lambs v North Walsham; Mosaic Priory v A and P Rackets; Lynx Surbiton v Leekes Wizards.

OTHER SPORT

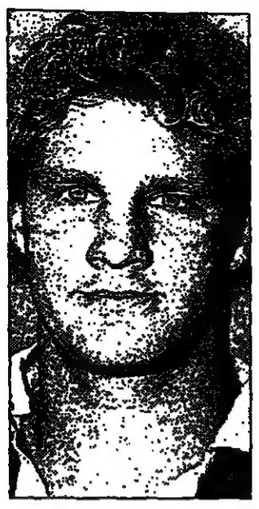
TENNIS: National championships (Telford).

LACROSSE

PUTNEY: South clubs and colleges tournament: Semi-finals: Centaurs 2, West London 3 (ext), St Mary's, Twickenham 0, Weybridge 2. Final: Weybridge 3, West London 2 (ext).
BUCKHURST HILL: South of England regional festival: Round-robin stage: London North 11, Combined South Universities 1; London South 5, Outer London 3; Cheadle 11, Combined South Universities 2; London South 4, London North 5, Cheadle 11, Outer London 3; London South 5, Combined South Universities 2; Cheadle 11, London North 8; Combined South Universities 0, Outer London 4, Cheadle 5, London South 3; Outer London 3, London North 8. Final: London North 5, London South 1.
PEAK SPORTS-BRINE NORTH LEAGUE: First division: Mellor 14, Stockport 4; Sheffield University 4, Heaton Mersey 24; Sale 9, Timperley 8; Ashton 11, Sheffield Steelers 11. Second division: Heaton Mersey A 8, Boardman and

The holders are knocked out of the Rugby World Cup as New Zealand's years of dominance end dramatically in Dublin

Campese calls the tune as Australia waltz into final



Lynagh: set up tries

Australia 16
New Zealand 6

From DAVID HANDS
IN DUBLIN

ADVANCE Australia fair, their supporters sang at Lansdowne Road yesterday, and so they did, to the final of the World Cup at the expense of New Zealand, the holders of the Webb Ellis Trophy. Moreover their victory, by a goal, a try and two penalty goals to two penalties, was the complete antithesis of Saturday's semi-final at Murrayfield.

It was a vibrant, pulsating match in which Australia's greater triumph was to reduce, almost to incoherence, a nation whose grim application to the basics of the game has held them at the world's forefront for the best part of a century.

In the second half, when New Zealand faced their sternest test of character for many a year, there was an abdication of responsibility behind the scrum. Grant Fox, the senior player, should have lent direction, but did not.

The All Blacks' pack won enough primary possession — indeed Ian Jones, in the first half, stood between them and a hiding, so well did he perform at the lineout — for a more effective game to have been fashioned. But so impressive was the Australian tackling, in offence and defence, that time, precious time, which New Zealanders are so accustomed to denying to others, was denied to them.

Instead they were forced, by Australia's magnificent start, to play catch-up rugby and despite their territorial dominance after the interval, when they trailed 13-0, they seldom threatened the Australian line. That they did not was hugely to the credit of Lynagh, Horan and Little, who tackled everything in a black shirt that moved; Kirwan, if he beat the first man, could not beat the second.

Then there was Campese. The great entertainer, who tormented New Zealand when first he played against them in 1982, turned the knife once more in what seems likely to be his last appearance against them. He scored the opening try, he sent in Horan for the second and reduced Timu, who might have been better used at full back with Tuigamala on the wing, to impotence.

Above all, he and his colleagues demonstrated how the ball may be used to wonderfully attractive effect. New Zealand, it should be added, responded, but without the penetration of their opponents; they were muscular, some of their passing was masterful but, under pressure, it broke.

Australia were not error-free — they missed touch more often than they would have wanted — but when so many of the side are working to make amends, the effect is minimised. The work, therefore, of tight forwards such as McKenzie and McCall was critical in sustaining their cause, notably when New Zealand pressed fervently just before the interval.

Australia's initial domination was emphasised by New Zealand's inability to take play into the opposing 22 until five minutes before half-time. It was the second half before Fox had a kick at goal, which is a remarkable statistic. The extent to which they missed Michael Jones, the flanker who will not play on Sundays, becomes one of the game's great imponderables.

Campese's try, with only seven minutes gone, was the result of Lynagh's midfield break and the wing's appearance in the stand-off half position. His diagonal run created so much doubt among defenders that he could ignore one gap to reach the corner.

The same combination accounted for Horan's try after Lynagh had kicked a penalty. The stand-off half chipped delicately, Campese gathered the ball and lured Timu towards him before flipping an off-handed pass to Horan on the outside.

In the second half, Bachop and Kirwan became the main focus of New Zealand's attack. But for all their territorial ascendancy and their competitive lineout, their finishing was poor.

"That was because of our swarming type of defence," Farr-Jones said — a swarm which will now buzz about English ears.

SCORERS: Australia: Tries: Campese, Horan. Conversion: Lynagh. Penalty goals: Lynagh (2). New Zealand: Penalty goals: Fox (2).

AUSTRALIA: M C Roebuck (Eastwood), D J Campese (Randwick), J S Little (Souths), T J Horan (Souths), R H Egerton (Sydney University), M P Lynagh (Queensland University), N C Farr-Jones (Sydney University, capt), A J Daly (Eastern Suburbs), P N Kearns (Randwick), E J A McKenzie (Randwick), S P Poidevin (Randwick), R J McCall (Brothers), J A Eales (Brothers), V Olshengatua (Manly), T Coker (Wests).

NEW ZEALAND: K Crowley (Taranaki); J J Kirwan (Auckland), C R Innes (Auckland), B J McCahill (Auckland), J K R Timu (Otago); G J Fox (Auckland), G T M Bachop (Canterbury); S C McDowell (Auckland), S B T Fitzpatrick (Auckland), R W Loe (Waikato), A J Whetton (Auckland), I D Jones (North Auckland), G W Whetton (Auckland, capt), M P Cairns (Auckland), Z V Brooke (Auckland).

Referee: J M Fleming (Scotland).

MATCH FACTS

Attendance: 46,500

Territorial advantage
New Zealand 43min, Australia 47

Possession
New Zealand 39min, Australia 42

Scrums

	Award	Won	Ag hd	Void
New Zealand	16	16	0	0
Australia	13	13	0	0

Lineouts

	Award	Won	Void
New Zealand	[illegible]	22	1
Australia	[illegible]	16	7

Penalties/free kicks

	Award	Tap	Goal	Miss
New Zealand	9	1	2	1
Australia	10	1	4	3

Stand-off halves

	Run	Kick	Pass
Fox	0	1	7
Lynagh	1	7	4

Kicks at goal

	Total	Con	Miss
Fox	3	2	1
Lynagh	6	3	3

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England adopt a calculated line

Scotland 6
England 9

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IF SPORT is about satisfying the inner man rather than the ranks of those who can only stand and stare, England are satisfied: at Murrayfield on Saturday, they reached the final of the World Cup by as coldly calculated a route as possible, yet in the moment of victory the warmth the players felt for their own achievement was evident to all.

If, on the other hand, sport is about warmth and passion and spontaneity, then Murrayfield was not, on a dull, overcast, windless day, perfect for exercising all rugby's skills, the place to be.

"England wanted to strangle the game, we wanted to keep it alive," Ian McGeechan, the Scotland coach, said, not as a reproach, merely as an expression of fact.

Chess is a game of mathematical calculation and what we had was precisely that, with Rob Andrew calling checkmate on Scotland with the dropped goal which won this semi-final by two penalty goals and a dropped goal to two penalties. It was his fifteenth in international rugby (14 for England), which puts him level with Naas Botha, the South African, and Jean-Patrick Lescarboura, of France, the joint holders of the world record.

But the self-imposed limitations of England's game were so nearly not enough, and it is impossible to believe that they will be enough in the final on Saturday. Had Gavin Hastings not missed the simplest of penalty kicks, it would have been Scotland with a 9-6 lead in the final quarter; moreover, in the phase of play immediately preceding that 20-metre kick, Scotland had won three successive rucks and created a yawning open side, with men to spare against a desperate defence. It could, and should, have been a try, but Scotland could not use their overlap and the chance was lost.

The game of consequences can be played for ever, of course, and what should be emphasised is the nail-biting tension of the game and the sportsmanship apparent throughout, even to the Scottish lap of honour, involving two teams who have respect, if not affection, for each other.

What might England have done if Webb had taken his early goals? In every match in this tournament, England have had comforting points on the board within five minutes, but this time, Webb, among the four leading scorers in the competition, was off the mark; he succeeded with only one of three kicks at goal in each half.

As it was, England's early set-piece dominance (20 minutes had passed before Scotland won their first lineout) withered; the Scots took every opportunity to break up the speed of play and used Gavin Hastings to considerable effect, his improvised kicking working wonderfully well. However, England had done their homework on Armstrong; the little scrum half found the opposition back row standing off scrums and in unforgiving mood.

"I felt in the first half we had stolen the initiative for a while," McGeechan said. "But we didn't get far enough ahead to force England to change their tactics; they could continue to play set-piece rugby. At this level, it's important the half-chances become whole ones and we couldn't do that."

The flashes of intuitive skill were like diamonds: Chalmers's pick-up and feed to Tukalo under severe pressure; Underwood's darting, daring run down the touchline which almost earned a try and prepared the position from which Andrew dropped his goal; the never-ending energy of Jeffrey which his two back-row colleagues, on the day, could not match; the lineout skills of Dooley and Ackford, which gave England an 18-12 advantage in that critical area.

England's game plan became simplicity itself: kick high, kick long and force the Scots to play it back. One of the game's leading administrators had talked that morning of proposals for the elimination of the high kick which has been a feature of this tournament.

But it worked, and it is not — yet — the duty of these players to entertain. Thus, Gavin Hastings kicked the first two penalties of the match (offside by Winterbottom and obstruction at the front of the lineout by Probyn on Sole); Webb responded before the interval after the Scottish scrum, always under pressure when England chose to turn the screw, collapsed in front of its own posts.

The same offence gave Webb his chance to equalise, though not before Carling had discussed with Webb and Andrew the viability of changing kickers, and in the final quarter, Scotland were penned into their own half. Their imaginative use of the back-row men at the lineout could not secure enough possession and they were forced to play wide from hopelessly deep positions.

"We would love to have cut the Scots to pieces with scintillating back play but it's not quite as easy as that," Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, said.

If you choose not to try, it becomes even harder, but next Saturday it may be necessary.

SCORERS: Scotland: Penalty goals: G Hastings (2). England: Penalty goals: Webb (2). Dropped goal: Andrew.

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians); A G Stanger (Hawick), S Hastings (Watsonians), S R P Linnen (Boroughmuir), I Tukalo (Selkirk); C M Chalmers (Melrose), G Armstrong (Jed-Forest); D M B Sole (Edinburgh Academicals, captain), J Allan (Edinburgh Academicals), A P Burnell (London Scottish), J Jeffrey (Kelso), C A Gray (Nottingham), G W Watt (Melrose), F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), D B White (London Scottish).

ENGLAND: J M Webb (Bath); S J Halliday (Harlequins), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester); C R Andrew (Wasps), R J Hill (Bath); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), J A Probyn (Wasps), M G Skinner (Harlequins), P J Ackford (Harlequins), W A Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P J Winterbottom (Harlequins), M C Teague (Gloucester).

Referee: K V J Fitzgerald (Australia).

MATCH FACTS

Attendance: 54,000.

Territorial advantage
Scotland 36min, England 47

Possession
Scotland 35min, England 48

Scrums

	Award	Won	Ag hd	Void
Scotland	18	18	0	4
England	19	15	0	0

Lineouts

	Award	Won	Void
Scotland	25	16	0
England	15	20	4

Penalties/free kicks

	Award	Tap	Goal	Miss
Scotland	11	8	2	1
England	12	0	2	4

Stand-off halves

	Run	Kick	Pass
Chalmers	0	8	9
Andrew	0	17	9

Kicks at goal

	Total	Con	Miss
G Hastings	3	2	1
Webb	6	2	4

Andrew succeeded with one dropped goal attempt and failed with another; Chalmers failed with two dropped goal attempts.

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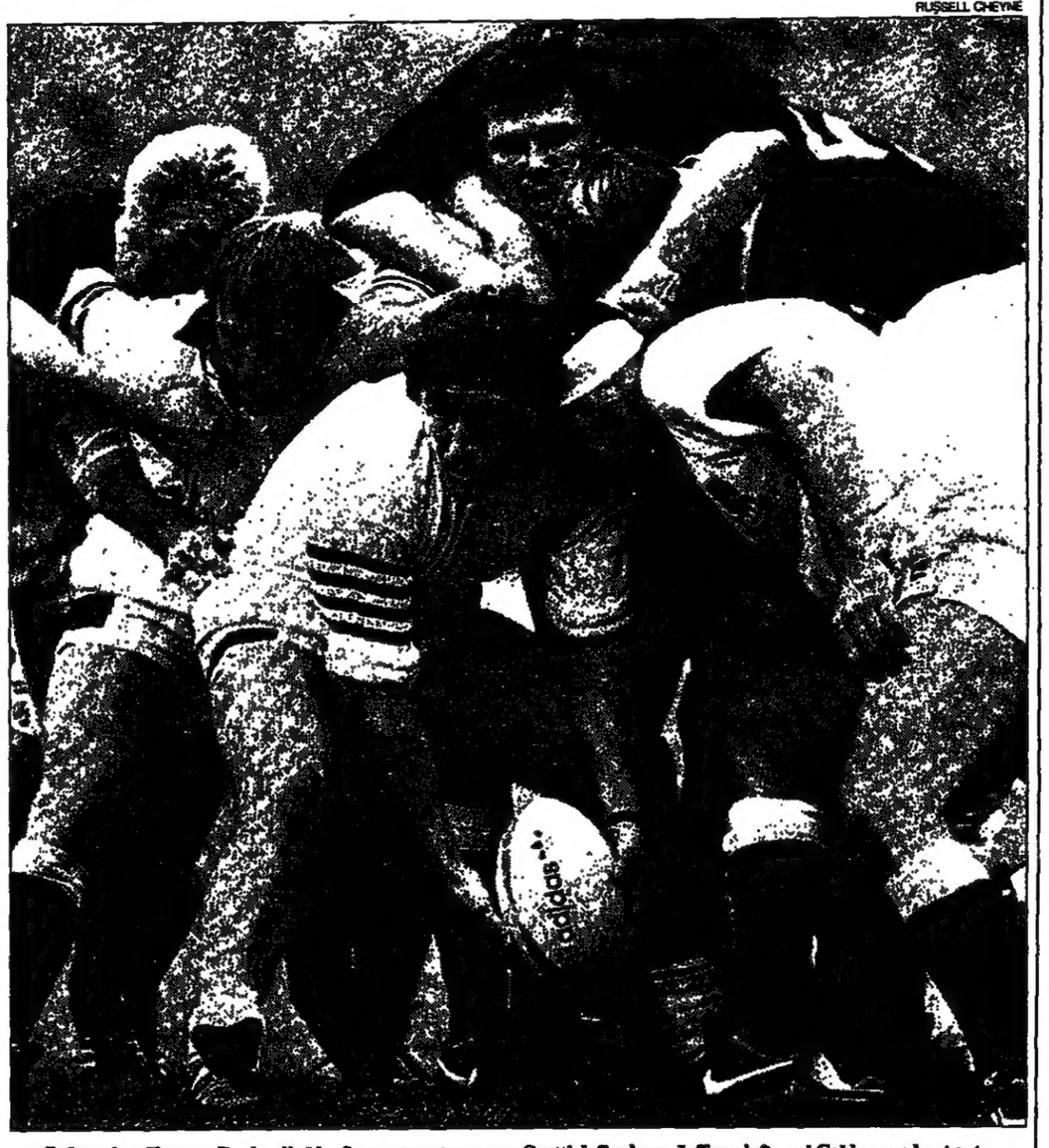

Safety play: Teague, England's No. 8, prepares to pass as Scottish flankers, Jeffrey, left, and Calder, are kept out

England's style will need to be more flexible

GERALD DAVIES

It was like chalk and cheese. While the northern hemisphere indulged in what appeared to be a national squabble in Edinburgh on Saturday, the southern hemisphere yesterday took part in a great rugby match which captured the imagination of anyone, parochial or otherwise, who cared to watch.

The difference lay in that one was an intensely sporting contest, giving vivid expression to the game's virtues, while the other was largely moved by the grand emotions of the moment. The teams in Dublin yesterday won the ball to attack, while on Saturday the team that won more of the possession was motivated mainly in denying it to the other side.

Both games were fascinating in their way but only one endeared the hearts and minds as a rugby game. Yesterday's. Australia are eminently worthy finalists.

Who, in memory, can have taken the All Blacks to the sword in such a way as to leave them nowhere else to turn? When the forward challenge was met, New Zealand looked ragged. Yet a lesser team than Australia might have crumbled when the All Blacks dug deep into their exceptional reserves in the second half and gave one more throw of the dice. Australia have no ostensible weakness.

Let us immediately get the compliments out of the way for England. Make no bones about it, England's achievement in reaching the final, encompassing the steely-eyed journey they have taken from their failure in the first tournament, is immense. A singular determination and a bulldog courage, has replaced the take-it-or-leave-it approach of the past.

That winning rugby trophies might appear not to have mattered very much once, has evaporated under the current command. Commitment — a word that has dominated British rugby of late — to the idea of winning is the hallmark of their success. No one has epitomised this more than Teague in the last two matches. To my mind, he and, in an entirely contrasting manner, Campese are the men of the tournament so far.

However, commentators are lumbered with a problem with England. They have to admit they are a winning team. They do so by also admitting in the same breath that they have not yet shown themselves to be a good rugby team. The problem is that this can sound mealy-mouthed and ungenerous.

In facing this last charge, England will point to the score sheet and, more pointedly still, that they have had to live, but not to play, dangerously in going to both Parc des Princes and Murrayfield. This is no mean achievement.

Yet theirs is a suffocating game. Daring nothing and not even confident of the players — Guscott, Carling, Underwood and Halliday — they claim are so gifted. A good rugby team would have incorporated their talents.

In another context, they may in fact, be playing dangerously. They did on Saturday. By playing a game, lacking in vision or trust, they make things more difficult than they might otherwise be.

The scrum is a case in point. England, at various times, had five scrums on Scotland's line. At each scrum, apart from one, the ball was held in the back row on the second and even the third time of asking. Australia execute a variety of manoeuvres to create tries in these instances, as England found to their cost in Sydney.

When the ball was finally released, Andrew dropped the winning goal in the 32nd minute of the second half. This is cutting it a bit fine. To lose, which they might well have done had Gavin Hastings' excellence not deserted him with a crucial penalty attempt, after a dominating performance, might have been embarrassing.

England, who looked to their lineouts as their main platform, might ponder the count, which went 11 to 5 against Australia in the first half and yet they made certain that New Zealand could do nothing with it. Australia are eminently flexible. England can plot as much as they like, as New Zealand would have done against Campese. He still gets majestically away.

England have some serious head-scratching to do. Can they afford to play in the predictable way they have done so far? Is there more we can expect? And, if so, dare they now show their full hand in the final.

Gavin Hastings: his miss provided a reprieve

THE TIMES SPORTS SERVICE

COMPETITION

The Times, in conjunction with Mumm Champagne, presents the opportunity of a day out for two at the Rugby World Cup final at Twickenham on Saturday.

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Miss that mattered most

GAVIN Hastings, whose late penalty miss could have cost Scotland a World Cup final place, said: "I would have got that 19 times out of 20. But it is always the one miss that is the one that matters. All the rest of the team were very supportive. Nobody blamed me.

"I did nothing different from normal, even though it looked a formality from so close. I went through my normal preparations and certainly did not hurry things."

Ecstatic welcome

A WEEK after their elimination by Scotland in the quarter-finals, Western Samoa's World Cup team returned home on Saturday to a rapturous welcome from thousands of people.

After their plane from New Zealand had touched down, the players disembarked to be told that they had been the country's "greatest ambassadors" by Toi Aukuso, the sports minister.

"Some Samoans knew no night, only 24 hours of daylight." Toi said of the supporters who had stayed up all night to watch the games on television.

The team was taken into Apia where they strode in front of a parade of floats carrying contestants for the Miss South Pacific beauty pageant. Prime Minister Tofilau Eti Alesana will lead today's formal welcome home ceremonies.

Stalwarts honoured

NEITHER captain led out his team at Murrayfield on Saturday: John Jeffrey was awarded the honour in his last game for Scotland before his retirement from international rugby while Rory Underwood led the opposition in recognition of becoming the first Englishman to win his fiftieth cap.

"He's been a marvellous contributor to Scottish rugby and it was a tribute to him," David Sole, the Scotland captain, said of Jeffrey, the Kelso flanker. Like Jeffrey, Underwood played his first international in 1984. "It's a testament to his dedication and ability," Will Carling said of the England wing.

Comfort for losers

IAN McGeechan, the Scotland coach, was in little doubt about what the World Cup has meant to Scotland."I would like to think that Scotland have played a very positive role in trying to show rugby in the best possible light," he said.

"As far as we are concerned, and despite the result against England, the World Cup has been a success for Scotland. We have never known the interest in the country that there is at the moment and the number of people directly involved in the game. One of the reasons, I think, is that we play rugby that generally people like to watch.

"I have had a lot of pleasure from the positive way the Scottish players have approached games. I take my hat off to them because they have worked very hard to get this far and they were a dropped goal away from the final. They have worked harder than anyone should ask of them and they did it willingly.

"I think the repercussions of this will benefit Scotland in the years to come. I am told debenture sales are going well [for Murrayfield's development]. There is one reason for that: a squad of players who have created a positive effect on everyone."

WORLD CUP PROGRAMME

Pool 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Zealand	3	3	0	0	95	39	9
England	3	2	0	1	85	33	7
Italy	3	1	0	2	57	76	5
US	3	0	0	3	24	113	3

RESULTS: England 12, New Zealand 18; Italy 30, United States 9; New Zealand 46, United States 6; England 36, Italy 6; England 37, United States 9; New Zealand 31, Italy 21

Pool 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	3	0	0	122	36	9
Ireland	3	2	0	1	102	51	7
Japan	3	1	0	2	77	87	5
Zimbabwe	3	0	0	3	31	158	3

RESULTS: Scotland 47, Japan 9; Ireland 55, Zimbabwe 11; Ireland 32, Japan 18; Scotland 51, Zimbabwe 12; Scotland 24, Ireland 15; Zimbabwe 8, Japan 52

Pool 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	3	3	0	0	79	25	9
W Samoa	3	2	0	1	54	34	7
Wales	3	1	0	2	32	61	5
Argentina	3	0	0	3	38	83	3

RESULTS: Australia 32, Argentina 19; Wales 13, Western Samoa 16; Australia 9, Western Samoa 3; Wales 16, Argentina 7; Wales 3, Australia 38; Argentina 12, Western Samoa 35.

Pool 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	45	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

RESULTS: France 30, Romania 3; Fiji 3, Canada 13; France 33, Fiji 9; Canada 19, Romania 11; Romania 17, Fiji 15; France 19, Canada 13.

☐ Teams in pool matches were awarded three points for a victory, two for a draw and, if defeated, one for fulfilling the fixture.

Quarter-finals

Scotland 28 Western Samoa 6 *(at Murrayfield)*
France 10 England 19 *(in Paris)*
Australia 19 Ireland 18 *(in Dublin)*
New Zealand 29 Canada 13 *(in Lille)*

Semi-finals

Scotland 6 England 9 *(at Murrayfield)*
Australia 16 New Zealand 6 *(in Dublin)*

FIXTURES

THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF: Oct 30: Cardiff, 2.30pm.

FINAL: Nov 2: Twickenham, 2.30pm.

DETAILS

LEADING SCORERS: Tries: 6: D Campese (Aus). J-B Lafond (Fr). 4: T Horan (Aus). B Robinson (Ire). I Tukalo (Scot). R Underwood (Eng). Points: 68: R Keyes (Ire). 58: M Lynagh (Aus). 55: G Hastings (Scot). 50: J Webb (Eng). 44: G Fox (NZ). 32: D Camberabero (Fr). 29: T Hosokawa (Japan). D Dominguez (It). 25: M Vaea (W Sam). 24: D Campese (Aus). J-B Lafond (Fr) 20: G Rees (Can).

FAIR PLAY: After the quarter-finals, Zimbabwe still head the table for the Heinz fair play award, having conceded 21 penalties in their three matches, an average of 7 penalties per game. Western Samoa and Argentina have been disqualified for having a player sent off during the pool stage.

	Pens	M	Av
Zimbabwe	21	3	7
Canada	32	4	8
England	35	4	8.8
Scotland	38	4	9.5
Ireland	39	4	9.8
Australia	43	4	10.8
Fiji	33	3	11
Japan	33	3	11
N Zealand	44	4	11
France	49	4	12.3
Romania	41	3	13.7
US	42	3	14
Wales	45	3	15
Italy	56	3	18.7

The eventual winners will be selected by the referees assessors, who may take into account incidents not punished by a referee. Foul play, dissent and off-the-ball incidents are key factors in assessing the award. Dismissals, drug abuse or misconduct off the field will result in disqualification.

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Wales return with a stylish victory

Wales 68
Papua New Guinea 0

By a CORRESPONDENT

WELSH rugby was wearing a smile again last night after the rugby league team returned to international action in record-breaking fashion at Swansea. With the strains of the national anthem still ringing in their ears the Welsh side quickly bridged the seven year gap since their last international outing and took the lead within a minute of the start.

Their desire to win, and to show off their talents in front of a home crowd, was obvious from the way that David Bishop clattered into James Naipao in the first tackle and forced him to lose the ball.

From there, Wales were able to send Paul Moriarty on a run that led to a simple penalty in front of the posts which Jonathan Davies goaled.

As much as the side-stepping of Davies and Phil Ford, the speed of Tony Sullivan and the tackling of everyone in a red shirt caught the eye, it was the development of forwards like David Young and Mark Jones that shocked most people. Having headed north as capable rugby union internationals, they returned to Swansea as better athletes and more skilful all-round players.

The drives of Young, Jones and Moriarty in particular helped create the space for the Welsh backs to exploit. Eight tries were scored before half-time as the Welsh celebrated their international comeback with a record breaking score before the interval.

Ford, the full back and only survivor from Wales' last international match in 1984, and Tony Sullivan, on the wing, each scored two tries in that breath-taking first half and there were others for Robert Ackerman, Jonathan Griffiths, Alan Bateman and Davies, the captain. Ford was voted man of the match.

Chris Itam, the visitors' substitute, actually crossed the Welsh line early in the second half, but the referee, Bill Harrigan, disallowed the attempt, ruling that Naipao had passed out of a tackle.

It took 15 minutes before the Welsh were able to add to their score in the second half, when Kevin Ellis brought up the half century with a close range try. That started the crowd singing again and was the catalyst for more of the same breath taking first half action.

David Bishop added the tenth try, which Davies duly goaled from in front of the posts, and Hadley and Davies crossed the line later on, the latter taking his personal tally to 24, a Welsh record, for the match.

SCORERS: Wales: Tries: Ford (3), Sullivan (2), Ackerman, Griffiths, Davies (2), Bateman, Ellis, Bishop, Hadley. Goals: Davies (9).

WALES: P Ford (Leeds; sub: M Silva, Halifax), J Devereux (Widnes), A Bateman (Warrington), J Davies (Widnes, capt), A Sullivan (St Helens), J Griffiths (St Helens; sub: A Hadley, Salford), K Ellis (Warrington), D Young (Salford), B Williams (Carlisle; sub: G Pearce, Scarborough), M Jones (Hull), P Moriarty (Widnes; sub: R Phillips, Warrington), R Ackerman (Carlisle), D Bishop (Hull KR).
PAPUA NEW GUINEA: P Boge, K Kowrou (sub: C Itam), K Sinasu, R Wagambie, J Uradok, T Karu (capt; sub: N Lapan), S Haru (captain), J Uragi, K Pagicari, J Naipao, T Dabi, M Tiri, J Giape (sub: L Hoffman).
Referee: B Harrigan (Australia).

Hendry hurries into big lead

By PHIL YATES

Impressive session: Hendry in immaculate form

STEPHEN Hendry produced one of the greatest sessions of his career to establish a 7-1 lead over Steve Davis at the halfway stage of the £400,000 Rothmans grand prix final in Reading yesterday.

Hendry, the defending champion, lost the first frame before a sustained seven-frame winning streak — full of remorselessly heavy scoring — took him to within three frames of victory, his third title of the season and a £75,000 first prize.

After beating Nigel Bond 9-1 in the semi-finals on Saturday, Davis, a loser on eight of his previous ten meetings with Hendry, said: "I've taken so much punishment over the last few years I'm not afraid of losing any more.

"I'm not panicking to win matches now. It's a bit like going on a fruit machine. When you need to win, you never do. When you've got a pocket full of money, you put 10p in and hit the jackpot." In yesterday's first session, Davis put everything in for no return.

When Davis compiled a decisive 67 break in the first frame, he looked in good shape to bring to an end his longest spell without a world ranking title, which stretches back to the grand prix of two years ago.

However, Hendry, who has beaten Davis five times in ranking tournaments since then, proceeded to display snooker of the quality which helped him administer a 9-1 trouncing of Davis in the final of the Dubai Duty Free Classic last year.

Davis, the world No. 2, fell 3-1 behind at the interval as Hendry constructed breaks of 83, 68 and 75. The fifth frame also went to the 22-year-old Scot, courtesy of an outrageous fluke that saw the pink fly off four cushions and trickle into the bottom left-hand pocket.

That timely slice of luck opened the floodgates. Hendry dominated the next frame with a run of 119 — the 120th competitive century of his six-year professional career — and further contributions of 53 and 85 completed a memorable 118-minute session.

Prior to the match, Davis had said: "Stephen can't do me any more damage. He can't beat me any more easily than he has before". At the halfway stage, with a 10-1 drubbing still on the cards, even this was in doubt.

RESULTS: Semi-finals: S Hendry (Scot) bt A McManus (Scot), 9-4. Frame scores (Hendry first): 51-67, 79-47, 72-1, 63-49, 108-22, 43-69, 0-111, 63-43, 57-71, 79-0, 68-37, 93-39, 125-3. S Davis (Eng) bt N Bond (Eng), 9-1. Frames (Davis first): 79-12, 98-36, 36-47, 71-54, 42-80, 101-14, 97-16, 69-55, 76-8, 75-7. Final: Hendry leads Davis, 7-1. Frames (Hendry first): 50-75, 83-23, 85-0, 76-30, 70-56, 123-14, 93-23, 85-48.

BASEBALL

Twins take Series to the limit

By ROBERT KIRLEY

KIRBY Puckett hit a home run in the eleventh inning on Saturday to give the Minnesota Twins a 4-3 home win over the Atlanta Braves and level the best-of-seven World Series at three games apiece. The decider in a brilliant play-off for the major-league championship took place last night in Minneapolis.

In the "Cinderella Series", so called because both teams improved from last place to first in one season, four games have been decided on the winners' last turn at the plate. The home team has won every game.

Stymied during three defeats in Atlanta, Puckett tripled in a run in the first inning, stopped a potential big inning for Atlanta with a sensational catch of Ron Gant's drive in the third and batted in the Twins' third run with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

Minnesota took the lead twice and Atlanta bounced back both times. Puckett went three-for-four and drove in three runs. The outfielder led off the eleventh and drove a changeup from the reliever, Charlie Leibrandt, over the wall. He pumped his arms as he circled the bases amid the roar of 55,155 supporters in the Metrodome.

RESULT: Game six: Minnesota Twins 4, Atlanta Braves 3 (11 innings, best of seven series level at 3-3). Game seven: played last night in Minneapolis.

A happy outcome to Lydon's wait

By KEITH MACKLIN

ONE of the longest intervals between the scoring of a try and the awarding of it brought furious protests from Halifax players at Central Park, yesterday where Wigan rediscovered their best form after recent reverses to thrash Halifax 40-18.

The controversial try came when Wigan were leading 8-0. Lydon was tackled, apparently inches short of the line. He appealed for the try, but the referee, David Campbell, was busy sorting out a dust-up between Fieldhouse, of Halifax, and Gregory, of Wigan. When he had lectured the players he went across to the touch judge who, minutes after the event, signalled that Lydon had made the try line.

Leeds and St Helens shared the points with an 8-8 draw at Headingley. The visitors led 8-0 with a try by Hunte and two goals from Tanner but in a rousing rally Leeds scored tries by Edwards and Divorty and almost snatched the points with late dropped goal attempts by Divorty and Goulding. St Helens stay top of the table above Widnes, who had no game.

Salford did the double over Hull with a comfortable 26-8 win, and in the second division Sheffield Eagles confirmed their leadership by thrashing Oldham 36-12.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Lydon (2), Betts (2), Miles, Panapa, Myers. Goals: Lydon (6).
Halifax: Tries: Preston, Austin, Sharp. Goals: Pearce (3).
Wigan: S Hampson; D Myers, D Bell, G Miles, J Lydon; S Panapa, A Gregory; K Skerrett, M Dermott, A Platt, D Betts, B McGinty, M Forshaw.
Halifax: W Wilson; H Sharp, R Hutchinson, G Austin, M Preston; D Watson, P Harkin; K Harrison, R Southerwood, P Bell, G Lord, J Fieldhouse, G Pearce.
Referee: D Campbell (Widnes).

RESULTS AND TABLES

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford 22, Featherstone 20; Hull KR 23, Wakefield 4; Leeds 8, St Helens 8; Salford 26, Hull 8; Wigan 40, Halifax 18.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
St Helens	8	6	1	1	188	116	13
Widnes	7	6	0	1	172	104	12
Wigan	7	5	0	2	206	115	10
Warrington	7	5	0	2	157	115	10
Leeds	8	4	1	3	178	108	9
Castleford	8	4	0	4	146	153	8
Wakefield	8	4	0	4	117	154	8
Hull KR	8	4	0	4	119	172	8
Halifax	7	3	0	4	190	170	6
Salford	8	3	0	5	184	185	6
Hull	8	3	0	5	156	171	6
Featherstone	8	3	0	5	170	230	6
Bradford	7	1	0	6	124	204	2
Swinton	7	1	0	6	89	179	2

SECOND DIVISION: Oldham 12, Sheffield 36; Workington 4, London Crusaders 10.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield	8	6	1	1	213	136	13
Oldham	8	4	2	2	203	133	10
Carlisle	7	4	1	2	150	112	9
Leigh	7	4	0	3	137	127	8
London Crus	8	4	0	4	132	149	8
Rochdale	7	3	1	3	208	144	7
Workington	8	2	1	5	105	167	5
Ryedale-York	7	0	0	7	98	258	0

THIRD DIVISION: Barrow 11, Scarborough Pirates 10; Chorley 16, Hunslet 46; Dewsbury 48, Whitehaven 8; Doncaster 10, Bramley 19; Highfield 11, Batley 16; Huddersfield 70, Trafford Borough 0; Nottingham City 4, Keighley 42.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Dewsbury	8	7	0	1	300	92	14
Hunslet	8	7	0	1	258	148	14
Batley	8	6	1	1	192	86	13
Bramley	8	6	0	2	231	84	12
Huddersfield	8	6	0	2	219	109	12
Doncaster	8	5	1	2	226	88	11
Scarborough	8	5	0	3	198	111	10
Barrow	8	5	0	3	160	110	10
Keighley	8	3	2	3	174	124	8
Whitehaven	8	2	0	6	152	182	4
Highfield	8	2	0	6	132	194	4
Trafford	8	0	0	8	82	332	0
Chorley	8	0	0	8	76	326	0
Nottingham	8	0	0	8	47	398	0

GOLF

Wizard casts her spell

From PATRICIA DAVIES IN CANNES

FITTINGLY, it was Penny Grice-Whittaker, the double-barrelled wizard of the women's Tour, who won the Longines Classic yesterday at Cannes-Mandelieu, the club founded by His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke Michael of Russia 100 years ago.

After some ropey stuff to start with, Grice-Whittaker, the British Open champion, produced the classiest possible finish, hitting a nine-iron to within three feet and holing for a birdie three at the last, to beat Laura Davies and Corinne Dibnah by a single shot. A final round of 72, one over par, was good enough for a winning total of 277 and a cheque of £16,500.

Davies, two strokes ahead at the start of the last round, went out in 40, four over par, to find herself one behind, and was not the authoritative striker of the first three days, winding up with a 75. In fact, both she and Grice-Whittaker, engrossed in their own duel, were nearly upstaged by Dibnah, who had four birdies in a row from the 14th and played the last tied for the lead.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (GB and Ire unless stated): 277: P Grice-Whittaker, 71, 63, 71, 72. 278: L Davies, 68, 66, 69, 75, C Dibnah (Aus), 72, 71, 66, 69. 280: P Wright, 78, 71, 68, 68, H Wadsworth, 69, 71, 69, 71. 281: F Descampe (Bel), 69, 69, 72, 71. 282: J Arnold (NZ), 73, 72, 65, 72. 283: P Sinn (US), 73, 70, 70, 70; K Espinasse (Fr), 73; 69, 71, 70; A-M Palli (Fr), 70, 71, 71, 71; H Allredsson (Swe), 73, 71, 70, 69. 284: C Soulas (Fr), 73, 66, 73, 72; S Gronberg (Swe), 74, 70, 70, 70; S Moon (US), 68, 71, 70, 74; K Douglas, 73, 69, 68, 74.
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IN BRIEF

India tour called off

PAKISTAN called off its cricket tour of India, scheduled to start in Bombay today, fearing violence from Hindu radicals.

Rashid Ahmed, the sports minister, said: "Muslim blood cannot be sacrificed for a game of cricket."

CYCLING: Laurent Jalabert, of France, failed to dislodge the season-long World Cup leader, Maurizio Fondriest, of Italy, in the final event, the Grand Prix des Nations time trial, at Bergamo.

SQUASH RACKETS: Cassandra Jackman reached her second senior world tour final by defeating Liz Irving, of Australia, in a semi-final of the Canadian Open in Toronto.

JUDO: Britain won the women's team silver at the European championships at s'Hertogenbosch, The Netherlands, losing to France 3-2. The Soviet Union took the men's title.

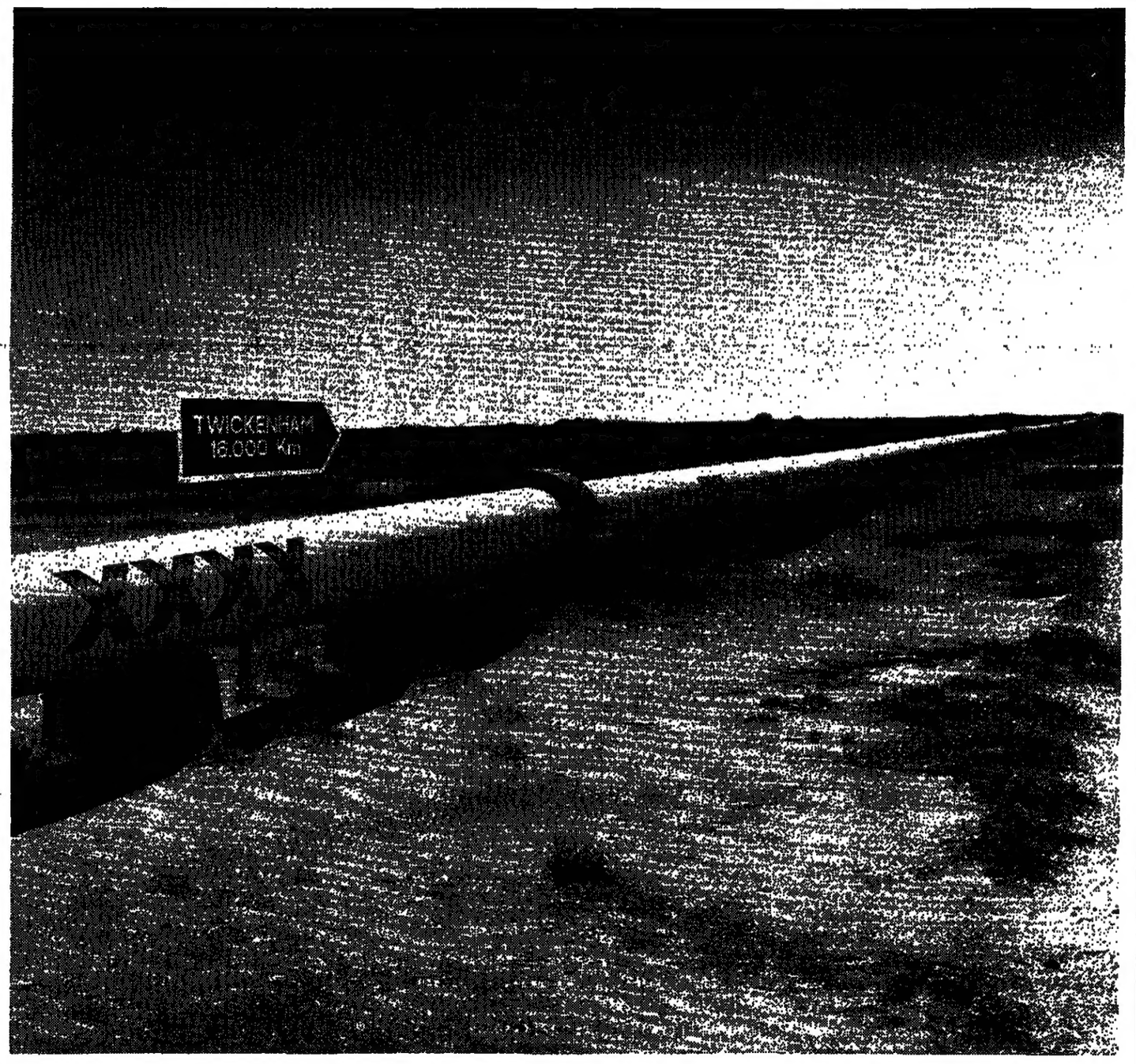
FENCING: Penny Tomlinson, the London epeeist, reached the final tableau in the European championships in Vienna. Ian Williams missed the sabre final by only two hits.

LACROSSE: Weybridge won the joint south clubs and colleges final at Putney from a penalty flick by Sue McNamara, in extra time.

ATHLETICS: Liz McColgan, preparing for the New York Marathon next Sunday, won a 5,000-metre road race in Chicago in 14min 57sec, four seconds better than her best track time, and the fastest ever on road.

YACHTING: Grace, the tropical storm raging over Bermuda, sent the yachts contesting the finals of the Mazda match race championship wildly out of control yesterday.

SWIMMING: Alex Bennett and James Hickman broke British junior records at the English schools championships at Sheffield. Austyn Shortman ended his seven-year schools swimming career with a record 50.18sec in the 100 metres freestyle.



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Unfounded attacks on England's winning ways

Campese: poses threat

Dublin

THE best pack versus the best back. How England, the pragmatists, will attempt to counteract David Campese, the most exciting player in the game, will give the rugby World Cup final at Twickenham, and millions of armchair critics, a fascinating climax to a fine tournament.

The spirit of tactical sportsmanship is said by some now to be more at stake than in any contest between the two countries since the infamous Bodyline cricket series. English expediency will this time be more intelligent, and less extreme, dependent on a pack whose performance against France and then Scotland was riveting in its efficiency.

The romantics, those who assert that rugby needs the emotional injection of flair and attack, will be praying for an Australian triumph. The opinion is legitimate; but I believe it would be quite wrong to ignore those virtues which England's relentlessly determined XV possess. The qualities with which England controversially ground their way to narrow victory over Scotland at Murrayfield are capable, on the evidence of yesterday's semi-final at Lansdowne Road, of dismaying the purists yet again.

The exhilaration of Australia's first-half performance against New Zeland — with electrifying runs by Campese that brought tries by him and Horan — and their iron resilience in defence under pressure in the second half, are earning them the premature award of a moral victory over England. History is littered with the fallibility of such predictions. Those who claim England played frightened rugby at Murrayfield perhaps underestimate Will Carling's team.

When France beat Australia in

DAVID MILLER

that memorable semi-final of the first World Cup, they were then caught in the vice of New Zealand's territorial control and possession in the final. England will need to deny Australia possession more than New Zealand did yesterday; they will attempt to do so and may succeed.

The cricket world has had to live for 20 years with a four-man West Indies pace attack, a part of the game. The Rugby World Cup is not a charity, and for New Zealand yesterday to moan in defeat about England's style seemed to me sour grapes.

Critics of every nation are condemning England's play — "the ruination of rugby", according to the New Zealand coach, John Hart — but rugby is paying the price of inventing a World Cup played to win, and the price of the laws. If rugby wishes to lessen the significance of England's lineout and scrummage control, the only recourse is to alter the laws, not to demand voluntary modification of legitimate functions. Do not expect Teague and Andrew to cry for Australia.

Of course no neutral enjoyed on Saturday the equivalent of an attempt to snooker the opposition with all the colours still on the table. If that is tactically inferior, the answer is for Australia to go out next Saturday and demonstrate how and why.

The danger of England's style, it is argued, is that it will be detrimental to the attitude of youngsters coming into the game; that Rob Andrew's precise kicking will become as suffocating an example as 4-4-2 tactics in football. I can only say that what England have done in this World Cup will be done by others in the future.

If the International Rugby Football Board want Barbarian effervescence, they should halt the World Cup. That is now impossible. Nobody rejects a competition that generates, as this may, almost £40 million.

It will be better for *rugby* if Australia win handsomely with another flurry of rippling invention, just as it was better for football that Brazil won the World Cup of 1970. Yet Brazil then were as apprehensive of a functional team led by Bobby Moore as Australia may now be of Andrew's incisive kicking and Brian Moore's inspired pack.

England had the option, from the amount of possession they won, to run the ball more against Scotland, and chose not to. If they choose not to against Australia at Twickenham on Saturday and win, who is to say they are wrong? The argument, and the outcome, are helping to increase the massive attention which this World Cup has gained.

The Scottish crowd, though trembling with the pain of defeat, had the honesty still to applaud England's success at the conclusion of the contest of intimidating physical chess. Anyone watching the two semi-finals must believe that the breadth of vision with which Australia destroyed the holders yesterday will overpower England. Yet there is nothing unfair in the means by which England will attempt to deny them.

The spontaneous handling of Australia's back row, never mind Campese, the unshakeable tackling of their centres, Horan and Little, and the brilliant grub-kicking into space by Lynagh can bring even more education to the future of rugby union than any English pragmatism. I find the prospect of the final infinitely exciting.

Dwyer calls into question England's kicking approach in the semi-final at Murrayfield

Australia seek running game

By DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

ENGLAND, the champions of the northern hemisphere, will return to their home ground of Twickenham on Saturday to meet Australia in the final of rugby union's World Cup. They will do so with the acid knowledge that, when last they met, in Sydney in July, they sustained defeat by the record margin of 40-15.

The Australians defeated New Zealand, the 1987 World Cup winners, 16-6 here yesterday and will fly to London today to begin their preparations for the final. In contrast, England made their way yesterday to Grantham where they will take a family break until Wednesday, recuperating from the rigours of Saturday's 9-6 defeat of Scotland at Murrayfield.

For Australia, victory yesterday made up in part for the severe disappointment of semi-final defeat, by France, in the 1987 tournament. "This was the most important game we have played," Bob Dwyer, their coach, said. "Next Saturday will be even more important but to play against New Zealand is a tremendous challenge. You want to challenge the best and that is why playing New Zealand has for us such a special meaning.

"On this occasion it had something extra because we won our way into the final of the World Cup." But Dwyer had a word of warning for his players: "England are playing a hell of a lot better now than they did in Australia earlier in the year. They're a very tough nut to crack. Any team that can win their way through to the final by via Paris and Edinburgh is a tough side."

However John Hart, the New Zealand co-coach, expressing his admiration for Australia's winning performance, offered implied criticism of England's methods. "I hope the rugby public saw at Lansdowne Road what rugby can do and the way it can be played.

"It was awfully important for the tournament this game was played the way it was. We participated in a great game of rugby where both sides showed they can use the ball. I believe the game is played to run the ball, to move it, not just kick and chase it. If any side can win the ball as England did and not move it past first five-eighth [stand-off half], I wonder why we're playing rugby. I don't believe rugby has been promoted all the time in this World Cup but I would like to think it was promoted today."

Alex Wyllie, the other New Zealand coach, offered the belief that Australia would match England at the scrums and line-outs so that the final would "come down to the backs. Australia are prepared to use them [the backs] more and if they score points England will have to catch up and you can't always do it with penalties".

Geoff Cooke, the England team manager, is wearily accustomed to criticism of his team's methods: "Having made the final we now have every prospect of winning it," he said. "Whatever people may say, for the England side to beat France and Scotland away on successive Saturdays, is a magnificent achievement. The final is at Twickenham and it's who gets it right on the day."

England came through their game unaffected by injury while Australia were relieved that Nick Farr-Jones, their captain, emerged unscathed after doubts earlier last week caused by his damaged knee. He was grateful to his forwards for the protection they gave him against New Zealand but he and his colleagues will be happier when their medical team have given Tim Horan a clean bill of health.

At one stage Anthony Herbert, the replacement centre, warmed up when it seemed that Horan, who needed his head bandaged after scoring his try, might come off after hurting his knee. But he stayed to bolster a midfield defence.

Farr-Jones also drew a comparison with 1988, when Australia beat England in two internationals at home but lost at Twickenham when they toured later that year. "They're a lot better team than they were in Sydney this year" he said. "That day we scored three tries from set-piece play. I can't see us doing that next Saturday."

The two losing semi-finalists meet in the third place play-off in Cardiff on Wednesday. "It will be a great opportunity for two sides to get over their disappointment" Gary Whetton, the New Zealand captain, said. "We want to go out winning and playing a good game of rugby. The Scots have shown that they would like to run the ball, too."

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Powerful: Horan breaks the tackle to score Australia's second try in their 16-6 victory over New Zealand at Lansdowne Road yesterday

Davis rounds off year with a record total

From MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT
IN SOTOGRANDE, SPAIN

RODGER Davis yesterday transformed his year when, with a final round of 71, he won the Volvo Masters here on the Valderrama course.

On several occasions the amiable Australian had come close to winning again in Europe — including finishing second and fourth in his last two tournaments — before he finally made it in the last tournament of the 1991 circuit.

Davis earned the £100,000 first prize with a record 72-hole total of 280, four under par, after a pulsating afternoon during which Nick Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer all challenged.

Faldo was frustrated once more despite a 68, which equalled the lowest score of the day. He finished second, one stroke behind Davis.

Langer shared the lead with Davis at the start of the day but he faltered towards the end. The German finished with a 74 which gave him third place, one ahead of Mark James (73), Steven Richardson (70) and Ballesteros (70).

Davis and Langer, each of whom reached the turn in 36, came under pressure with Faldo and Ballesteros going out in 33 and 34 respectively.

Ballesteros's prospects diminished with him taking six at the 11th, where he required four to get down from ten yards short of the green, but Faldo earned a share of the lead when he holed from 25 feet for a two at the 12th. Thereafter this most examining of courses made Faldo work all the way to keep his score intact. He holed from 12 feet for a par at the 18th to become only the second player not to drop a shot on the last nine.

Langer elected to play his approach from off the road at the 10th but he left it short and dropped a shot. He retrieved it with a putt of six feet for a birdie at the next, but alongside him Davis looked more in control on a glorious afternoon when the sun finally condescended to shine.

Indeed, Davis took the tournament by the scruff of the neck when he holed from 30 feet at the 13th and from ten feet for another birdie at the next. He gave a shot back at the 16th but he hit his approach to the 18th to within two feet, from where he safely two-putted.

Davis had limped into Spain on crutches at the start of the week after sustaining a torn calf muscle in his left leg when playing a friendly game of tennis. He said that for the sake of his career it might be wiser for him to stay off the courts. Davis, however, might now have second thoughts. "Perhaps I should play with a limp all the time as it makes me go slower," he said.

It enabled him to finish sixth in the Volvo Order of Merit but his immediate reward is a place in the Johnnie Walker world championship in Jamaica in December.

Ballesteros finished No. 1 in the money-list although his official earnings of £545,343 fell short of the record set by Ian Woosnam (£574,166) last year. But the Spaniard has now won £4,988,025 during his career and he is believed to have earned more prize-money than any golfer in history.

"I am very happy to be No. 1 in Europe for the sixth time," Ballesteros said. "It has been a wonderful year for me. I have now been No. 1 in three decades; perhaps I can make it four. I will only be 43 in the year 2000!"

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290: G Brand Jr, 74, 71, 72, 73, C Montgomerie, 73, 72, 72, 73. 291: D Gilford, 73, 73, 77, 68; M Roe, 74, 70, 72, 75; K Waters, 71, 70, 74, 76. 292: M Jimenez (Sp), 76, 71, 71, 72, P O'Malley (Aus), 74, 75, 69, 74; R Rafferty, 74, 70, 74, 74; V Fernandez (Arg), 74, 69, 74, 75; P Mitchell, 69, 73, 72, 78. 293: P Teravainen (US), 77, 72, 74, 70; M Harwood (Aus), 71, 72, 77, 73, M Mackenzie, 75, 72, 71, 75, E Darcy, 74, 70, 71, 78. 294: J Parnevik (Swe), 69, 74, 78, 73, J Van de Velde, (Fr), 72, 73, 74, 75.
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VOLVO ORDER OF MERIT: 1, S Ballesteros (Sp), £545,353. 2, S Richardson, £383,155. 3, B Langer (Ger), £372,703. 4, C Montgomerie, £343,575. 5, C Parry (Aus), £328,118; 6, R Davis (Aus), £317,441; 7, J-M Olazábal (Sp), £302,270; 8, I Woosnam, £257,433. 9, D Gilford, £249,240; 10, N Faldo, £245,882. 11, M McNulty (Zim), £230,061. 12, M Harwood (Aus), £223,856. 13, V Singh (Fiji), £221,997. 14, D Feherty, £218,389

Hibernian happy at Hampden

HIBERNIAN completed a remarkable recovery from the brink of extinction this summer by capturing the Skol Cup at Hampden Park yesterday. The Edinburgh side, who almost went to the wall due to a financial crisis, beat Dunfermline 2-0 in a disappointing final in front of 40,377 fans.

Hibernian scored the crucial first goal four minutes into the second half when Mickey Weir played a one-two with Keith Wright. The winger burst into the box and fell in a challenge with Ray Sharp. Brian McGinlay, the referee, awarded a penalty and Tommy McIntyre calmly stroked the ball past Andy Rhodes.

Hibernin, winners only once before in 1972, had dominated the match until that point but Dunfermline could have forced extra time in a tense closing 15 minutes.

It was left to Keith Wright to settle the issue six minutes from the end when he raced on to a throughball from Weir to steer the second goal past Rhodes.

Harrison resigns as coach

By LOUISE TAYLOR

STEVE Harrison resigned as England football coach yesterday, six days after his dismissal as coach to Millwall for "conduct unacceptable to the club".

His departure from the second division side followed an incident when staying with the team at an Ipswich hotel. It involved a "party piece" which Harrison — who has coached England since Graham Taylor became national manager in 1990 — apparently performed when on international duty but which Millwall described as "revolting".

Although Taylor, who worked with Harrison at Watford and Aston Villa, is believed to have made every effort to retain his friend, Football Association officials are understood to have asked Taylor to request Harrison's resignation.

Glenn Kirton, the Football Association's head of external affairs, released a statement yesterday which said: "Over the weekend, Steve Harrison has considered his position as coach to the England squad and has offered his resignation. Graham Taylor, on behalf of the FA, has accepted it."

Reg Burr, chairman of Millwall, said: "It [Harrison"s resignation] is irrelevant really to our decision because we did not need any backing for it. I would only say that he should perhaps have resigned from England a bit earlier so that everybody could be spared all the publicity last week."

The England manager now faces the task of appointing a new coach to join him and his No. 2, Lawrie McMenemy. John Ward, who, like Harrison, also assisted Taylor at Watford and Villa, is the favourite. Other contenders include Ray Harford, who has just joined Blackburn, and Phil Neal, of Bolton.

Harrison, aged 38, has started a new job coaching at Crystal Palace.

☐ The St Mirren manager, David Hay, has withheld his team's wages for the second time this season after the 5-0 home defeat by Celtic in the Scottish premier division.

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Villa join James chase

RON Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, is ready to match Liverpool "pound for pound" in the race to sign David James, Watford's England Under-21 goalkeeper, (Chris Moore writes).

"I understand Liverpool are the favourites to sign him whether it's now or at the end of his contract," Atkinson said last night. "But I'm watching the situation closely and have asked Watford to keep me informed of any developments. We would be prepared to match Liverpool both in the terms of the transfer fee and the player's wages."

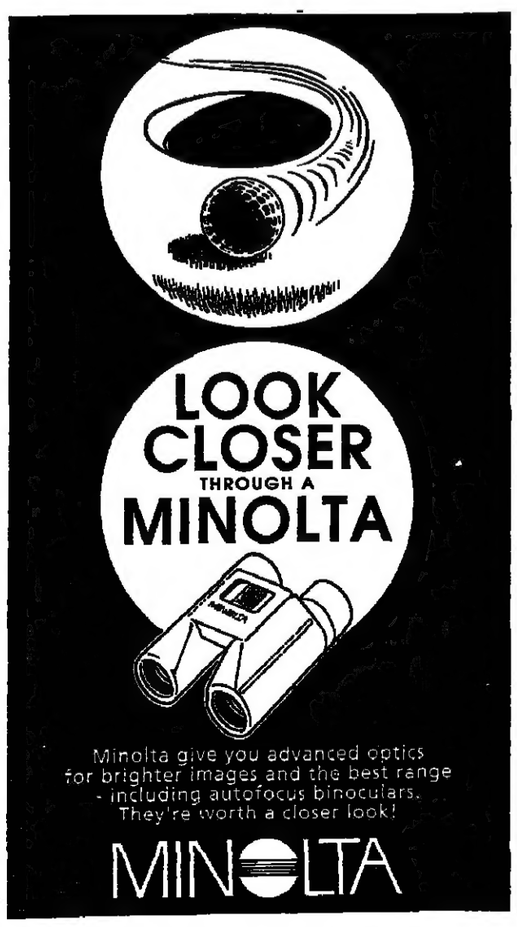
An added attraction for Watford would be that Atkinson could offer either Nigel Spink or Les Sealey in part-exchange. "We have to be in a position to compete for players like this when they become available," Atkinson said. He is almost £5 million in credit on his transfer dealings since moving in at Villa Park.

Richer Tour in view

THE PGA European Tour yesterday emerged from the recession when it announced an increase in prize-money from £19.3 million this year to £22.5 million in 1992 with 39 events scheduled as opposed to 34 this season (Mitchell Platts writes).

Ken Schofield, the executive secretary of the Tour, said: "We have just gone through our most difficult and challenging year since 1975 and my view is that we have reached the end of the bad news. We are back on track with 22 to 24 events likely to have a prize fund of more than £500,000."

It is likely that when the proposed programme is approved that there will be ten events in Spain, including the World Cup, and 12 in the United Kingdom, including the World Match Play Championship and Dunhill Cup. Schofield stressed that there was little doubt that the Ryder Cup would also be played in Spain in 1997.

He said: "As to the venue, we will not enter detailed discussion until after the Ryder Cup at The Belfry in 1993. But we are to discuss the procedure for determining the team and I favour this to be achieved on a full calendar year with the Johnnie Walker points table beginning in the week of September 3-6."

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